

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : 80-662

MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: August 26, 1944

FROM :

MR. E. P. COFFEY

SUBJECT:

OBSCENE FILE

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
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Pursuant to your instruction, there is set forth below the Laboratory's opinion on whether the Obscene File should be disposed of or retained.

BACKGROUND:

Since the organization of the Laboratory in 1932, various pornographic articles seized from subjects under investigation have been submitted from Police, Sheriffs' Offices, and other sources. As World War 2 became imminent the increasing distribution of material of this kind, particularly among adolescents, spurred the activities of the Bureau to greater lengths, especially in connection with efforts to protect Army cantonments from commercialized vice. The amount of obscene material coming to the Laboratory was increased by intensive efforts of Agents of the Bureau to reach behind the local distributor in order to investigate organized interstate distribution systems of increasing strength. This intensified effort started in the latter part of 1942.

As the amount of obscene material submitted increased, there was set up in the Document Section of the Laboratory a special unit to enable material of this type to receive adequate handling.

As specimens were received in the Laboratory from different geographical areas and various jurisdictional sources, they were compared with each other with the idea of securing leads as to the number and location of manufacturers and distribution centers. The specimens were classified according to the means of reproduction used and a file was set up in order to simplify these comparisons. Specimens sent in from one jurisdiction were identified with those sent in from other jurisdictions in entirely different cases by means of the printing. In other words, in unrelated cases under investigation, evidence was found that the crimes

were part of the same conspiracy to distribute the products of the same printer. A large number of specimens were found to have been printed in one shop. The climax of these efforts came when special agents of the New York Field Office located in New York City a large clandestine printing shop where thousands of finished printed articles, plates, paper stock and original drawings were seized. This seizure and the resulting prosecutions undoubtedly terminated for the moment the manufacture and distribution of a large percentage of this type of material.

CURRENT STATUS AND OPINIONS:

From the Laboratory's standpoint, the Obscene File is a valuable and helpful reference file. In practically every case examined, identifications are effected. During a representative period, February 1 to March 1, 1943, when the File was in an active status, of eighteen cases examined, sixteen were identified with previous submissions and as many as twenty-six cases were linked with one of these sixteen. The average number of cases identified with these sixteen cases was eight.

Late in March of 1943 the File was placed in an inactive status and examinations were made only in special cases. Here again numerous identifications were effected.

In view of the restricted status of the File, additions to the various classified sections, which number six, were made very infrequently, and a large back-log of specimens to be added to this File was accumulated. During the month of August, 1944, it was desired to eliminate this back-log within the period of one week. Specimens which were believed to be of value to the File were added and all others destroyed by burning on August 22, 1944.

As to the maintenance of the File, it is pointed out that the bulk of the work involved has already been accomplished by the classifying and filing of approximately thirteen hundred specimens. Since the back-log which

hed accumulated has been disposed of it is anticipated that the maintenance of the File in good working order will not occupy more than two man days per month of a Technician's time.

As a central depository for all types of obscene material, the Laboratory can furnish upon demand a wide variety of general and special information regarding material of this nature. The primary function of the File is to enable inter-comparisons to be made which in turn in most instances show a definite interstate angle of the cases involved. Whether these identifications prove interstate transportation by common carrier cannot be answered by the Laboratory. However, it does show an interstate movement.

Since the Laboratory is primarily interested only in the technical aspects of the comparison, the value of the identifications effected to the Field is a matter more adequately determined by the Investigative Division.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since the File is undoubtedly of value as a reference collection and since the time, money and labor involved in its upkeep are within reason, and as it is believed that the information developed as a result of the Laboratory examinations of obscene material has been and will be of value to the Field, it is my recommendation that this File be retained in the Laboratory in its present status.

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TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: August 25, 1944

FROM :

SUBJECT: THE VALUE OF THE LABORATORY OBSCENE
FILE AS AN INVESTIGATIVE AID

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I. The Social Importance of Obscene Cases

Decent minded citizens, as exemplified by ministers and anti-vice groups, have frequently advised the Bureau of their vital interest in the suppression of traffic in obscene materials. The Bureau files contain numerous letters which have been written by representatives of such civic and religious organizations as the following:

1. National Council of Catholic Men, Washington, D. C.
2. New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, New York City
3. Episcopal Committee of Obscene Literature, Fort Wayne, Indiana
4. The Illinois Vigilance Association, Chicago, Illinois.

It is significant that obscene literature is characteristically obtained by Agents in the field while they are investigating White Slave Traffic Act cases. Salacious materials have been found to be the working partner of the prostitute. Responsible police authorities have stated that the circulation of pornographic materials have contributed to racial agitation and juvenile delinquency. This is exemplified by a statement made by Chief of Police C. B. Horrall of the Los Angeles Police Department who advised the Los Angeles Field Division that he was personally interested in our pending investigation of the [redacted] case, Bureau File 71-1788, since in his opinion "the obscene motion picture film circulated no doubt has a direct bearing on the juvenile delinquency and the large number of sex crimes prevalent in this area." It has recently come to the Bureau's attention in connection with this same [redacted] case that obscene motion picture films are being distributed on the West Coast depicting juveniles as young as eleven and fourteen years of age as engaging in immoral activities with adults while other films involved negroes and whites in lascivious positions.

II. Origin and Mechanics of the Laboratory Obscene File

A. Origin

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It is the belief of certain employees in the Laboratory that the Obscene File was started after the Attorney General had expressed his interest in the suppression of the circulation of obscene literature, a view which has always been shared by the Director. However, a search of the Bureau's files fails to reflect any such memorandum. However, the Director's interest in these cases is well-known as seen by his following of the [redacted] case, Bureau File 71-1484, and his comments

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in the [] investigation, Bureau File 71-1015, indicating "I want this investigation vigorously pressed." Since the Bureau Laboratory was organized in 1932, obscene materials of various types were being submitted from time to time by the field to the Bureau. After several years the Laboratory maintained a substantial collection of obscene materials but these had never been compiled, classified or embodied in a central file. However, in September of 1942 the Laboratory undertook to establish a central file for the collecting of obscene material in order that by comparison of the evidence submitted in widely separate investigations it might be determined the extent of distribution and the source of the submissions. At this time over one thousand books, pamphlets, photographs, etc. were placed in the file.

B. Deferred Status

Due to the pressure of national defense work collecting in the document section of the Laboratory, it was deemed advisable to notify the field by Bureau Bulletin No. 16, Second Series 1943, dated March 31, 1943, set out in Bureau File 66-03-474, that Laboratory examinations of both lottery and obscene matter cases would be placed in a deferred status unless such examination was essential to the prosecution of the case. This bulletin is set forth below:

"LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS - LOTTERY AND OBSCENE MATTER. Owing to the current volume of cases being handled in the Document Section it has been decided to defer as a class complete examinations on lottery and obscene cases in order to enable concentration on war work. Only those cases will be handled in which the Field indicates that technical comparison of lottery tickets or obscene material is absolutely essential to the prosecution of the case.

"The Lottery and Obscene Files have proven to be important adjuncts to normal police work of the country, being centralized depositories for printed obscene and lottery specimens (including the handwriting of shippers of such material) and they are not to be abandoned but maintained with a minimum amount of attention until sufficient personnel can be trained to resume complete operations which it is estimated will be later in 1943.

"In order to enable this to be done without too much interference with current investigations and prosecutions, it will be incumbent upon the Special Agents in Charge to give particular attention to this class of cases in order to assure that all specimens which should be included in the files may be forwarded with detailed information as to the pending investigations and as to the possibility of deferring reports on comparison in the file, considering the needs of pending investigations and prosecutions. Information as to pending prosecutions which are likely to be terminated without the need for testimony of Document Examiners should be forwarded immediately."

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C. Quantity of Material Examined

The Laboratory estimates that between 20,000 and 25,000 obscene exhibits have been submitted in the [redacted] case alone, where eight million lewd pictures and cartoons were seized by the Agents in New York, 10,391 specimens were forwarded to the Laboratory. Of the total number of submissions, between 5,000 and 10,000 exhibits have actually been examined by the Laboratory.

Currently, this file contains about 1,000 original plates which were used to produce obscene cartoon booklets. The file also contains between 1,200 and 1,500 specimens which have been classified and indexed and are usable for the searching of obscene cartoons, books, photographs and playing cards when submitted by the field. Over 400 obscene motion picture films have been received by the Laboratory and after the elimination of duplicates, 200 are presently being retained in the Laboratory file. Over 100 bound books of a pronographic nature have been collected.

As a result of the recent inspection in the Laboratory, a project was instituted and all of the duplicate exhibits and those having no permanent value were ordered destroyed and the file brought up-to-date. As a result of this housecleaning, 500 obscene cartoon plates and between 10,000 and 20,000 exhibits were destroyed on August 22, 1944.

At the present time the Laboratory file is up-to-date and has no delinquency.

In order to maintain this file on a current basis, it has been estimated that it requires in an average month from 3% to 5% of the time of one Laboratory Technician. Before the institution of the deferred program for Laboratory examinations, that is between September of 1942 and March of 1943 approximately 15% of the time of one examiner was required to keep this file up-to-date. It should be noted here, however, that when the numerous exhibits were received during the [redacted] examination, it became necessary for an examiner to spend his entire time for approximately three or four months. Since the file is now current, it is believed that it would not take more than 5% of the time of one man to examine all materials as they are received from the field. It should be pointed out here, however, that in addition to Special Agent [redacted] who handles the examination of this material, a second examiner, [redacted] is currently being trained to make these examinations if [redacted] is unavailable.

D. Types of Material Filed

The Laboratory file contains the following types of materials:

1. Cartoon booklets.
2. Narrative style booklets, generally in 32 pages.
3. Photographs and playing cards.
4. Motion pictures.
5. Bound books.

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III. The Practical Value of the File as an Investigative Aid

A. Tracing Materials to a Common Source

Frequently obscene material is submitted by a field office having no evidence that it has been transported in interstate commerce and having no knowledge whatsoever as to its source. The Laboratory has been able, in most instances, to identify such submissions with material previously submitted. Often the Laboratory shows the field that the same substances have been picked up in other field offices thus tending to indicate that the material has moved in interstate commerce. In other instances the Laboratory has been able to advise the field of the exact source of the material. For example, in the [redacted] case, evidence submitted from Akron, Baltimore, New York, New Haven, Oklahoma City, Richmond, Philadelphia, Washington, Detroit, Savannah and Chicago were all traceable to one syndicate.

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B. Identification of Individuals Depicted

The Laboratory has identified for the field in many cases the names of the persons pictured in obscene photographs and motion picture films. Recently the activities of [redacted] was brought to the attention of the Dallas Field Office and as a result of admissions made by [redacted] plus the submission of his photograph the Laboratory was enabled to identify him with the pictures which had previously been submitted by Detroit, Louisville and New York City and up to that time emanated from an unknown source.

C. Identifying Cartoonists

Frequently when cartoon booklets and obscene drawings are submitted to the laboratory they can definitely advise the field of the identity of the person that drew these pictures. Such identifications are effected because of the individual peculiarities of every artist; for example, [redacted] in the [redacted]

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[redacted] case, Bureau File 71-1099, is known to [redacted] the obscene cartoon booklets coming to the Bureau's attention. [redacted] who is known [redacted] while a woman named [redacted] who came to the Bureau's attention in the [redacted] investigation is known as [redacted] In the event either [redacted] resume their activities in this field, their work would be immediately identified by the Laboratory Technicians.

D. Intelligence Information as to Type of Obscene Material

The Laboratory, by collecting obscene material, is in a position to advise the Bureau and the field of the type of obscene materials being circulated. Daily, new departures are being innovated by operators in the smut racket. It appeared that the obscene playing cards were innovated by the [redacted] ring, while the individuals in the [redacted] case are [redacted] juveniles in motion picture films of an obscene nature. The [redacted] case also uncovered

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the fact that obscene motion picture films are now being equipped with a sound tract. It has been reported by New York Agents, but not verified, that obscene motion picture films are being produced in color. It is in the Bureau's interest in the suppression of vice to keep advised of the trends relative to obscene materials.

E. Use of Japanese Exhibits by OSS

Recently a request was received by the Laboratory to make available to the Office of Strategic Services certain obscene prints depicting Japanese individuals in lascivious poses. It was explained by OSS that this information was of value for propaganda purposes.

F. Cooperative Functions for all Police Departments

The Obscene File is available for comparison purposes to police throughout the country as are other services of the Bureau Laboratory. The importance of the cooperative functions of the Bureau Laboratory have been well demonstrated. An example of this usage of the Obscene File concerns numerous exhibits which were collected by the police throughout the state of Connecticut and were submitted to the Bureau by the New Haven Field Office. Identifications were effected between this material and that contributed by the [] ring and the field office was so advised so that the information might be made available to the police authorities throughout the state of Connecticut.

IV. Outstanding Case Examples of Laboratory Assistance to the Field

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A. [] Bureau File 71-1484

As previously stated, the material submitted by many field offices was identified by the Laboratory as emanating from one common source in New York City. As a result of the successful prosecution of the subjects in the [] case, the Laboratory can state definitely that 80% of all of the cartoon booklets printed by plates were produced by this one syndicate. Similarly, 85% of all the narrative booklets and 75% of the obscene playing cards can be traceable to this ring.

B. [] Bureau File 71-1767

Numerous exhibits have been submitted from several field offices but their source was unknown. Subsequently the Dallas Field Office was attracted to [] who admittedly was []

C. Outdoor Publishing Company, Mays Landing, New Jersey; Ilsley Boone, Bureau File 71-1660

A request was received from the Omaha Field Office relative to any information in the Bureau's files relative to the nudist publication "Sunshine and Health". A search of the Laboratory Obscene File

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produced numerous copies of this magazine enabling the Bureau to advise the field of its obscene nature. Subsequently requests were received for copies of this publication by the Director's Office and by Judge Marvin Helter in the Department since the obscenity of the magazine became a point in issue. Since this time four separate United States Attorneys have rendered opinions indicating that in their belief this magazine is obscene. A contributor of obscene photographs to this publication, one [redacted]

[redacted] The obscene magazines in the Bureau's file are available for the use of any of the United States Attorneys that may need them. It has been suggested that similar copies might be obtained, if needed by the Bureau, from the Library of Congress, but it is seen that if such copies were obtained, the Bureau would not be at liberty to forward them to the field offices or to interested United States Attorneys, throughout the country.

D. Venus in India

Within the past month a request was received from the Chicago Field Office relative to information in the Obscene File relative to a book captioned "Venus in India". The Laboratory was able to advise the field that this book was printed in 1928 and is a two-volume, leather bound edition, a copy of which is on file in the Bureau.

E. [redacted] Bureau File 71-1803

The Dallas Field Office submitted obscene pamphlets in connection with their case involving [redacted] Bureau File 71-1813, indicating that in the absence of information indicating its interstate transportation, no further investigation would be conducted. Shortly thereafter, the New Orleans Field Office submitted the same books which they had obtained from [redacted] in their case [redacted] Bureau File 71-1803, likewise indicating no action would be taken in the absence of an indication that the pamphlet had moved out of the state of [redacted] As a result of the Laboratory comparison, both field offices were advised of the presence of the booklet in another state causing them to institute an investigation designed to prove a violation of the Federal Obscene Matter Statute.

V. Statistical Achievement

The two largest national obscene lottery syndicates ever identified were smashed as a result of Bureau investigation. Eight individuals were convicted in the [redacted] case and if the Federal statute had been broad enough to cover transportation by means of an automobile, it would have been possible to convict seven additional subjects. As a result of the [redacted] investigation, five [redacted] dealers in salacious materials were convicted. During 1943 the Bureau obtained ten

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convictions, sentences totaling 10 years, 9 months and 1 day, \$15,000 in fines and apprehended 14 fugitives. For 1944 the Bureau had 12 convictions, 19 years and 3 days total sentences and 2 fugitives were apprehended. It must be realized in this connection possibly an equal number of individuals were convicted under Section 512 of Title 18 relative to the distribution of obscene materials on Federal reservations which are recorded as Crime on Government Reservation statistics. Similarly because of the deficiency of the present statute which covers interstate transportation of obscene literature only by express and common carrier many of the Bureau cases are subsequently turned over to the local officials for state prosecution, since the interstate transportation, if any, has been by automobile and thus not within our jurisdiction.

VI. Summary of the Best Pending Cases

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A. Outdoor Publishing Company, Bureau File 71-1660

Involving the nudist magazine, "Sunshine and Health", which has been declared obscene by four United States Attorneys. [redacted]
[redacted]

B. [redacted] Bureau File 71-1788

A confidential informant developed in Los Angeles has identified some eight individuals who are engaged in producing obscene motion picture film. 70 obscene films have been turned over by the informant to the Bureau. Investigation is continuing in an effort to establish interstate transportation in violation of the Federal statute which element has not been proved to date.

C. [redacted] Bureau File 71-1579

The Bureau has proven that the magazines "Spicy Adventure" and "Spicy Detective", etc. have moved in interstate commerce in violation of Federal law. The publications have been declared obscene by the United States Attorney in Detroit and by the Department. However, prosecution is being delayed since the Department feels that justice might have been obtained as the publication recently changed the names of its magazines to "Speedy Stories" and has removed some of the objectionable language.

D. [redacted] Bureau File 71-567

The St. Paul Field Office is again investigating this subject [redacted]
[redacted]

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E. [redacted] Bureau File 71-1779

[redacted] He is now an informant of the office and is assisting in the investigation designed to establish a violation by [redacted] and others. Over 37 obscene films have been obtained from the informant to date.

F. [redacted] Bureau File 71-1745

It has been estimated that [redacted] is associated with [redacted]

[redacted] Extensive investigation is underway in that territory in an effort to establish a violation by these individuals as well as [redacted] and others.

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VII. Recommendation

That in practically every case the Laboratory examination is a valuable investigative aid to the field during the investigation of obscene literature cases. For example, in the [redacted] case, 13 films were recently submitted by Newark, 12 of which were identified by the Laboratory with other submissions while in six of the cases considerable information relative to the source of these films could be furnished by the Laboratory as a result of information obtained in the [redacted] case at Los Angeles.

Not only should this file be continued but it would be of the most assistance to the Agents in the field if the file were maintained on a current basis such as it is at the present time. It is believed that this file could be kept up to date with a minimum of effort since it has been estimated that it will require only 5% of the time of one Laboratory Technician. Accordingly, it is recommended that the deferred status relative to the examination of obscene cases instituted on March 13, 1943 be abolished. It is noted that Bureau Bulletin No. 16 placing such cases in a deferred status states that this is being done "until sufficient personnel can be trained to resume complete operations which it is estimated will be later in 1943". The field should be encouraged to continue submitting all obscene materials coming to their attention directly to the Bureau Laboratory for comparison purposes and inclusion in the obscene file.

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DATE: September 16, 1944

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: OBSCENE MATTER
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 15, 1944 instructing the Washington Field Division to contact the proper official at the Bureau of Customs in an effort to establish a liaison for the purpose of viewing and obtaining obscene exhibits which are seized by the Bureau of Customs.

You are advised that on July 27, 1944 this matter was discussed with Mr. E. E. MATTERN in charge of all obscene material at the Bureau of Customs and the purpose and desirability of such a liaison was explained to him. At this time Mr. MATTERN agreed that he saw no reason why such a liaison could not be effectively established. On August 25, 1944 Mr. G. H. GRIFFITH, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Customs advised that this matter was being given consideration and that this office would be informed of the decision of the Bureau of Customs in the near future.

As soon as information is received from the Bureau of Customs as to its decision in this matter, the Bureau will be immediately advised.

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November 29, 1944

To: SAC, Washington

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

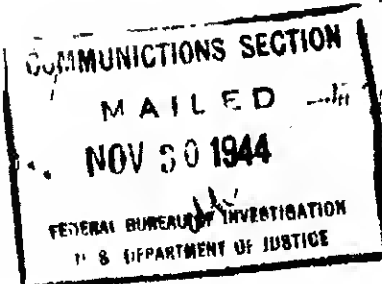
Subject: OBSCENE MATTER
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Reference is made to your letter of September 16, 1944 advising the Bureau that steps have been taken by the Washington Field Division to establish a liaison for the purpose of viewing and obtaining obscene exhibits which are seized officially by the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department.

Your letter indicates that this matter has been discussed with Mr. E. E. Mattern and Mr. G. H. Griffith, both of the Bureau of Customs, who advised that this matter was being given consideration and that your office would be informed of the decision of the Bureau of Customs in the near future.

The Bureau wishes to be advised of the results of your efforts to successfully establish this liaison.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-29-44

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

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There are enclosed herewith for the general Bureau file on obscene matters, a packet of photographs found in the possession of one [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he obtained the photographs about seven years ago in Baltimore from some unknown [redacted]. He did not pay any money for the photographs. It is doubtful if [redacted] supplied the correct explanation of the way in which he acquired the photographs.

It is noted that [redacted] and [redacted] apparently was not in possession of these photographs for any commercial reason, as he holds a rather responsible position.

No investigation is contemplated by this office.

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Representative specimens will
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DATE: 10/4/44

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE

SUBJECT: Obscene Literature File

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The Conference on October 3, 1944, consisting of Messrs. E. A. Tamm, Gurnea, Q. Tamm, Lee, Nichols, Coffey, Rosen, Clegg, Ladd, Mumford, and Carson, was informed that 18 months ago, because of heavy delinquency in the Document Section of the Laboratory, it was not possible to bring up to date the Obscene Literature File and the field was advised at that time that routine searches would not be made through the File unless they were absolutely essential to the prosecution of the case.

Mr. Coffey advised that recently this File has been brought up to date b7C and is in good shape. He pointed out that the receipt of obscene literature cases from the field is relatively infrequent, amounting to from 4 to 6 such submissions per month. The search of these would occupy but 10% of one man's time.

Mr. Rosen recently made an analysis of obscene literature cases and was of the opinion that the search of this file had a very definite value and was most desirable in order that the field can be informed of the interstate ramifications of these cases.

Mr. Coffey now proposes that the field be advised that obscene literature cases can again be handled on a current basis. The Conference was unanimously in accord with this recommendation and a Bureau bulletin to that effect has been prepared, in the event you approve.

Respectfully,
 For the Conference

✓
 Clyde Tolson, Chairman

W. R. Glavin, Secretary

cc-Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Clegg

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 24, 1944

To SAC, Albany

There follows a report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on October 16, 1944.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re OBSCENE MOTION PICTURE FILM

YOUR FILE NO
FBI FILE NO
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Examination requested by Albany

Reference Letter dated October 13, 1944

Examination requested Document

Specimens

Q139 One reel of OBSCENE film, bearing no title.

Results of Examination:

The reel of film, Q139, was compared with material of a similar nature contained in the Obscene File and was identified with the reel of film entitled "ELEPHANT", copies of which were submitted by the Boston Field Division under date of May 4, 1944 in connection with the case entitled "Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter", Bureau file #71-1500 and by the Oklahoma City Field Division under date of April 6, 1942 in connection with the case entitled "Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter: Selective Services", Bureau file #71-1375.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

The original evidence, specimen Q139, is being retained in the files of the Laboratory and unless advised to the contrary by your office will be destroyed inasmuch as copies of this film are already in the Laboratory's Obscene File.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OCT 27 1944
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cc: Boston
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DATE: October 13, 1944

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *EPM* E. P. MORGAN, SAC
ALBANY, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: OBSCENE MOTION PICTURE FILM.

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY.

There is being transmitted under separate cover one roll of obscene motion picture film which was furnished this office by Chief of Police, WILLIAM J. FITZPATRICK of the city of Albany.

This roll of film is not titled and was obtained by the Albany Police Department several years ago after a raid on premises where this picture was being shown to a stag party. Chief of Police FITZPATRICK has furnished this film so that it might be included in the files of the Laboratory.

It is requested that this office be advised if any identification or other information of interest should be developed by the Laboratory after an examination of this film so that this information might be conveyed to Chief FITZPATRICK.

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DATE: September 29, 1944

TO : Mr. E. P. Coffey

FROM : Mr. J. A. Martin

SUBJECT: OBSCENE LITERATURE FILE

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Miss Gandy

You will recall that in the early part of 1943 when the case load of the Laboratory was increasing tremendously and the personnel situation was in bad condition due to the lack of trained technicians, instructions were sent to the Field placing most of the obscene matter cases in a deferred status. These instructions went to the Field by Bureau Bulletin No. 16, Second Series 1943, dated March 31, 1943, and advised that such cases would be placed in a deferred status unless such examination was essential to the prosecution of the case. At the time these instructions were issued, it was indicated that the facilities of this file would be resumed as soon as there was necessary personnel to handle it. At that time it was thought this would be in the latter part of 1943.

As of August 22, 1944, all of the obscene material which had been accumulated up until that date was examined and sorted and representative specimens added to the file and the remainder disposed of.

Based upon previous material received in the Laboratory and inquiries from the Field it is believed that with the file in a current status, as it presently is, such material could be handled, searched against the file and appropriate answer made to the Field by utilizing approximately ten per cent of one man's time. Of course, if there is an increase in the amount of material submitted by the Field, this man-time will be increased.

[redacted] in a memorandum for Mr. Rosen dated August 25, 1944, pointed out in detail the benefits which had been derived from the Obscene File in so far as the Investigative Division was concerned. It is believed that this file is a valuable asset to the Bureau, and the time has come that it can resume active operations.

There is attached a proposed bulletin to the Field advising of the reactivation of the file and furnishing brief instructions concerning it.

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I AGREE
EW

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Ex. C. W. F. MEMO
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FLP:ls

TO: MR. ROSEN

October 5, 1944

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] - VICTIM
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

The attached letter was received from an anonymous source in New York and enclosed was an obscene letter containing the names of [REDACTED]. It is noted that a previous communication of a similar nature was received from the New York Field Office on August 15, 1944, Bureau file 80-662-35 and is contained in the obscene file of the Laboratory.

RECOMMENDATION

That this letter be included in the obscene file for possible use in identifying material of similar nature.

Attachment

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80-662-45
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OCT 7 1944
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN 80-662-45

Obscene Material

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 6, 1944

FROM : S. J. DRAYTON, SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: GENERAL SURVEY OF OBSCENE
MATTER, CHICAGO AREA

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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Under separate cover under government bill of lading No. J363389 please find three reels of obscene movie film obtained by this office from one [redacted] in the investigation of the case entitled, " [redacted] et al; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT," Bureau file 58-875. No evidence of interstate transportation was developed regarding this film. This film is being forwarded for the purpose of being included in the obscene file of the FBI Laboratory. Should no further use be found for this film, it may be destroyed.

Also under separate cover under government bill of lading No. J363389 please find one reel of obscene motion picture film obtained from [redacted] [redacted] states that this film was shipped to him by railway express from Chicago, Illinois to [redacted] This film was presented to Assistant United States Attorney GEORGE KELLY, who stated, in his opinion, instant film was not obscene.

Should the FBI Laboratory conclude that this film is obscene and might result in prosecution in another field office, you are requested to notify the Chicago Field Division of this fact and return the instant film.

FWD:eak
71-353

*Two of the films will
be destroyed + two retained
in obscene file. No report made
JEC 10/25/44*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JCC:MFR

DATE: November 9, 1944

TO : MR. E. P. COFFEY *EC*

FROM : MR. J. A. MARTIN

SUBJECT: OBSCENE MATERIAL OBTAINED
FROM O.S.S.

On November 7, 1944 there was obtained from O.S.S. two negatives and prints therefrom which are samples of the obscene material to be distributed by O.S.S. A translation of the Japanese material appearing on the photographs was also obtained. This material is being placed in the Obscene File for future reference and comparison purposes.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Acers	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Starke	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: December 18, 1944

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: Re: OBSCENE MATTER
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Reference is made to your communication of November 29, 1944, requesting to be advised of the results of efforts made by the Washington Field Office to effectively establish a liaison with the Bureau of Customs for the purpose of viewing and obtaining obscene material in the possession of Customs authorities.

You are advised that on December 15, 1944, Mr. G. H. GRIFFITH, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Customs, was again contacted regarding this matter and he advised that because of an inexperienced stenographer in his Bureau, all correspondence relating to this liaison had been inadvertently filed away without any action being taken thereon.

Mr. GRIFFITH promised that he would see that the matter is given expeditious attention and that he would advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately thereafter.

If no word is received from Mr. GRIFFITH within thirty days, he will again be contacted by a representative of this office.

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JAM:RK

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

80-662

DATE: January 23, 1945

TO : E. P. Coffey *epc*FROM :

SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Acers _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Statke _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

For record purposes the following information is being set forth.

Since July 1, 1944, a number of changes have been made in this file.

In accordance with instructions from the Director, a review of the large backlog of obscene material, which had accumulated since the spring of 1943 when the file was placed in a deferred status, was made to select for filing those specimens which were believed to be of value to the file and to dispose of the remaining items by burning. This review was completed and the material not added to the file was incinerated on August 22, 1944.

On October 3, 1944, the Executive Conference unanimously recommended that the file be again placed in an active status, and the field was so advised.

As of December 30, 1944, the file contained 5,589 specimens of all kinds, including cartoons, booklets, narrative pamphlets, photographs, playing cards, motion pictures and bound books. This figure was obtained as a result of an exact count made on December 26, 1944.

Since July 1, 1944, there have been twenty-two identifications effected as a result of searches in this file. Each identification tied in a number of cases, one of which involved identifications with eighteen different other cases involving submissions from fourteen field offices. Due to the representative coverage of obscene material which the file affords, there are very few cases submitted to the Laboratory in which at least part of the submitted evidence is not identified in this file.

In addition to the principal examiner in charge of the file, a second principal examiner has been trained to operate the file in the former's absence.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: February 7, 1945

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field Office

SUBJECT: OBSCENE MATTER
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Reference is made to previous communications from the Bureau to the Washington Field Division dated July 15, 1944 and November 29, 1944, requesting that an effort be made to establish a liaison with the Bureau of Customs for the purpose of viewing and obtaining obscene exhibits in the possession of the Bureau of Customs for inclusion in the files of the Bureau's Technical Laboratory. You are advised that on January 19, 1945, Mr. W. R. JOHNSON, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs, forwarded the following information to this office by letter:

"Your request has been given careful consideration, but in view of the provisions of Section 305, Tariff Act 1930, and regulations issued thereunder with respect to the disposition of obscene and immoral matter, and the fact that very few cases are being presented to the Bureau (Bureau of Customs) at the present time, the Bureau does not believe that an arrangement such as you suggest would be practicable or desirable."

Unless advised to the contrary, no further action is being taken in this matter.

JEM:MCP

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: OBSCENE PICTURES

DATE: 3/8/45

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Two pictures are being forwarded to the Bureau for inclusion in the Obscene Picture File, and these pictures were obtained by Agents of this office, from

advised an Agent of this office that he believed that these pictures were copies of a picture and he had obtained them from some friend whom he could not recall. They are being forwarded to the Bureau for information purposes only.

DJH LHM

Incl - 2 obscene pictures, in color -
REGISTERED MAIL.

RECORDED & INDEXED

86-165-67
FBI
27 MAR 20 1945

*These two photos are duplicates
of ones already in file.
They will be destroyed.
No report made.
Jee 3/17/45*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 3-20-45

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM :

SAC, EL PASO

SUBJECT:

O OBSCENE LITERATURE FILE

D34343

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Enclosed herewith is a quantity of obscene photographs and pamphlets which was turned over to this office by Town Marshal S. J. MARKLEY of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

MARKLEY advised that instant literature and photographs were found in a garbage can located in a city park in Alamogordo by a city employee on March 7, 1945, and that they had been turned over to him by that employee.

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It is noted that among the photographs was a plain white envelope which bears the following address written thereon:

MARKLEY was unable to furnish any information in connection with this literature and inasmuch as there was no indication of a violation of the interstate transportation of obscene literature statutes evident, this matter is being forwarded to the Laboratory for inclusion in the Obscene Literature File.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the New York Office for the purpose of checking their indices against the name of for the possibility that this individual might have previously come to the attention of that office in connection with the distribution of obscene literature.

cc: New York

JWS:ACO
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*Card retained in Lab.
Rep spec will be added to file.
All duplicates will be destroyed
No report necessary. JWS
4/12/45*

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FBI
57 MAR 28 1945

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Attention: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: May 17, 1945

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: OBSCENE BOOKLET ENTITLED "LETTERS - ILLUSTRATED"

D-37388-AX

There is being forwarded herewith as an enclosure an obscene material booklet which is being forwarded for inclusion in the Obscene Matter file.

Enc.

~~DEFERRED~~

Not a FOIPA Deletion

*Duplicate specimens
already in file, hence, it
will be destroyed.
no report made
JEC 5/20/45*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: June 27, 1945

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Diego

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORYSUBJECT: OBSCENE MATERIAL~~D-38501~~ HX

The enclosed obscene material was furnished to this office by the San Diego Police Department for our information and is being forwarded to the Bureau to be included in the obscene literature file. This material, according to the San Diego Police Department, was purchased by one [redacted] in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico.

b7C

It is not necessary to return the enclosures to the San Diego Police Department.

Enclosures (OBSCENE)
MGS:jec

*Copy + specimens
retained in Lab. Representative
Specs. will be added to file
+ remainder destroy
No report made
Jec 7/7/45*

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SEVEN APC

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60 JUL 2 1945

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
AR:MP

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 6-18-45

[56, 7-18-45]

TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM : The Executive Conference
SUBJECT: HANDLING OF OBSCENE EXHIBITS AND
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

On June 29, 1945, the Executive Conference, with Messrs. Tolson, Glavin, Coffey, Morgan for Clegg, McGuire for Nichols, Ladd and Rosen in attendance, unanimously approved the attached Bureau Bulletin which reiterates the Bureau's policy regarding the handling of obscene material and investigative reports containing indecent language. This Bulletin has been deemed necessary due to the improper handling of obscene exhibits and investigative reports by Agents in the Field on numerous occasions.

Respectfully
For the Conference

Clyde Tolson
RECORDED

E. A. Tamm

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O.K.
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Attachment

cc-Mr. Hendon
Mr. Clegg

80-662-71
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 13 1945
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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60 JUL 13 1945

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: October 11, 1945

TO : Director, FBI

Attention: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Possession of Pornographic Literature
and Photographs
Alameda Naval Air Station
Alameda, California

43856

b7C

There are being transmitted herewith numerous obscene photographs and some literature. This material was taken by the authorities at the Alameda Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, from Naval personnel on the station and forwarded to this office by Lieut. Comdr. [redacted] the Intelligence Officer at the station, for inclusion of such photographs or items as the Bureau might think appropriate in the Obscene Literature file.

No investigation is being made in connection with the enclosures inasmuch as all of the persons from whom they were obtained are Naval personnel and no record was maintained by the Navy as to the identities of the individuals from whom they were taken.

The Navy does not desire that this material be returned and any of the items herein contained that are not to be included in the Bureau's file may be destroyed at the Bureau.

BL:MR

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Encls. (5 envelopes marked "Obscene")

*No report necessary.
Representative specimens will be added to
obscene file. Remainder will be burnt
JCC 10/30/45*

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Obscene list

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: December 29, 1945

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Pamphlets Received from Juvenile Bureau,
Long Beach Police Department
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

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ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

There is being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory as an enclosure with this letter thirteen booklets of an obscene nature which were obtained by Special Agent [redacted] from the Juvenile Bureau of the Long Beach Police Department.

[redacted] of this Juvenile Bureau, advised that the miscellaneous pamphlets, which are set forth below, had been picked up from time to time by officers of this department from various juveniles. No records were made as to source of the booklets, and consequently no attempts will be made by the Los Angeles Field Division to develop these sources at the present time. In the future [redacted] advised that if the FBI is interested in the source of such matter, he will instruct officers in his department to keep records and attempt to develop cases for the Bureau involving interstate transportation of any obscene matter coming to their attention.

The pamphlets have evidence of much usage, and it is believed that in most instances they have previously come to the attention of the Bureau; however, they are being forwarded for whatever value they may have, and if duplicates are already on file, they may be destroyed at the Seat of Government. No examination is requested inasmuch as they are similar to numerous pamphlets which have been circulating freely for a number of years throughout the country.

The titles of the enclosures are as follows:

1. Laurel and Hardy (cartoon)
2. Joe Jinks "
3. Untitled Cartoon - Clark Gable
4. Patsy Kelly and Ray Milland (cartoon)
5. Fritzi Ritz "
6. The Photographer "
7. Toots and Casper "
8. Wash Tubbs "
9. Boots "
10. Chufitos
11. Seduced (booklet)
12. The Story of Ruth "
13. How to Love (educational sex book - obscene?)

LFW:ESF

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13 Encls. - in lab

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March 11, 1946

SAC, Philadelphia

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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[Redacted]
Interstate Transportation of Indecent Literature.
(Your file #62-1766)
Letter of submission dated February 9, 1943.

[Redacted]
Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter.
(Your file #71-234)
Letter of submission dated August 2, 1943.

Obscene Film.
(Your file #71-0)
Letter of submission dated July 6, 1943.

Reference is made to the above-listed cases in which obscene films were submitted to the Laboratory for examination. Inasmuch as certain of these films are duplicates of specimens already in the Obscene File, it is requested that you advise the Bureau whether the films submitted by you in these cases may be disposed of permanently.

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Tolson _____
E. A. Tamm _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Ladd _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Carson _____
Egan _____
Gurnea _____
Harbo _____
Hendon _____
Petrus _____
Quinn Tamm _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

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cc/dab AC

KH/s

John

80-662

March 11, 1946

SAC, New Haven

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Obscene Films

(Your file #71-C)

Letter of submission dated February 18, 1943

Reference is made to the above-listed case in which obscene films were submitted to the Laboratory for examination. Inasmuch as certain of these films are duplicates of specimens already in the Obscene File, it is requested that you advise the Bureau whether the films submitted by you in this case may be disposed of permanently.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Tamm _____

JCC/dab

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Bureau File 80-662

DATE: March 20, 1946

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia
SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILM

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Reference is made to your letter dated March 11, 1946 in reference to obscene film submitted to the FBI Laboratory on July 6, 1943 by the Philadelphia Field Division.

HENRY K. VAN SICKLE, District Attorney, Northampton County, Pa. requested a court order releasing the film to the Bureau and obtained the same from President Judge FRANK P. McCLUSKEY, Court of Quarter Sessions, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. The court order states that the films are to be destroyed by fire upon return by the Bureau. Mr. VAN SICKLE stated, however, that they may be retained permanently by the FBI Laboratory.

In view of the above, the Bureau may make permanent disposition concerning this film.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 3/20/46

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILMS
(Our file 71-0)Letter of submission dated 2/18/43
Bureau file 80-662Attention: FBI LABORATORY

In the Bureau's memorandum of March 11, 1946, referenced as above, it was requested that this office advise the Bureau whether or not the films submitted in this case may be disposed of permanently.

The Bureau is advised that there is no further need of these films in this field division, and the person from whom they were taken authorized that they be retained permanently; therefore, the Bureau may dispose of them as it sees fit.

WCH:DB
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: April 11, 1946

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : Attention: FBI Laboratory
SAC, San Diego
SUBJECT: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
OBSCENE MATTER

Being forwarded herewith under obscene cover is a small booklet which has been turned over to this office. This booklet is being forwarded to the Bureau for possible inclusion in the files of obscene matter. No information is available as to the publisher of this booklet or as to its original source.

Enclosure

WWL:RSN

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*Enclosure placed
in obscene file. no
report made
for 4/17/46*

RECORDED

2 APR 16 1946

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: May 31, 1946

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Jackson

SUBJECT: OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

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There is enclosed herewith in sealed container obscene photographs which were delivered to Special Agent [redacted] by Chief of Police, W. H. CHILTON, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Chief CHILTON advised that these photographs were obtained in connection with the search of [redacted] in Yazoo City sometime ago. Chief CHILTON did not have the subject's name, but related that there was no evidence of violation of the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter.

These photographs are being forwarded to the Bureau for inclusion in the Obscene Matter File.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

Not a FOIPA Deletion

Encl. - retained in Lab. -

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ENCL :

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JHCOPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB.
FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT

6-19-46

53-1012-135

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 12, 1946

TO : Director, FBI

Attention: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Possession of
Pornographic Literature and Photographs
at Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.

56389

There is being transmitted to the Laboratory under separate cover by Railway Express one package containing obscene photographs and literature furnished to this office by the Intelligence Office at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. This material was obtained by Navy authorities as the result of inspections and searches of the personal effects of Navy personnel coming from overseas.

No investigation is being made in connection with this obscene material inasmuch as all of the persons from whom this material was obtained are Naval personnel and no record was maintained by the Navy as to the identities of the individuals from whom this material was taken.

The Navy does not desire that any of this material be returned and all or any part of it that is of no value to the Bureau's file may be destroyed.

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AVT:MR

cc Package

*Representative specimens
retained in obscene file
remainder destroyed 1/24/46*

*destroyed
3/28/62*

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
AND REFER TO

SERIAL
AZ-1202-gmc

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON

14 August 1946

b7C

Dear [redacted]:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of this date I am enclosing the subject literature to ascertain if it is illegal. At any rate you can place it in the hands of the office which handles this sort of thing.

We are indebted for your assistance in this matter and hope when convenient you will stop by and see us.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
LtCol, U.S. Marine Corps

[redacted]
Bureau of Federal Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 20, 1946

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: SPECIMENS FOR OBSCENE MATTER
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

There are enclosed herewith for the completion of the Bureau file two obscene comic books and an obscene article which were obtained from [redacted] who was subject of a recent White Slave Traffic Act case in this office. [redacted] advised he obtained the comic books from an unknown man on the streets of Orange, Texas, and that the obscene article was purchased by him from an unknown [redacted] in December, 1945.

HBW:arf
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Encl.

*Encls retained
in lab*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: September 3, 1946

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
 SAC, Cincinnati
 SUBJECT: OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

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I am enclosing herewith nine obscene photographs which were furnished to this office by the Cincinnati Police Department.

They are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau Laboratory for whatever disposition they deem advisable.

GDK:VAN
 71-G-29

Enclosures (9)

Enclosure destroyed

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[Handwritten signature]

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OBSCENE MATERIAL

October 29, 1946

SAC, Baltimore

Director, FBI

NOTE
SPECIMENS FOR CHEMICAL FILE
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER
Your file #71-0

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Reference is made to your letter dated August 20, 1946 with which you transmitted to the Bureau obscene material obtained from [redacted]. You are requested to advise the Laboratory whether the submitted material may be destroyed if the Laboratory does not desire to include these articles in the Obscene File.

BO-462

JOC:JC

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LABORATORY DIVISION
FBI

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: December 12, 1946

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Fred Hallford - SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: SPECIMENS FOR OBSCENE FILE
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER
(Bureau File #80-662)

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b7D

Reference is made to your letter of December 4, 1946 requesting information as to the disposition of the obscene material obtained from [redacted] which was sent to the Laboratory by this office August 20, 1946.

If the material referred to is of no further use to the Laboratory, it may be destroyed. It is not necessary to return it to this office.

HEW:cc
71-0-49

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December 4, 1946

SAC, Baltimore

Director, FBI

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Specimens for Obscene File
Interstate Transportation
of Obscene Matter
(Your file #71-0)

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Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of October 29, 1946 request-
ing information as to the disposition of the obscene material obtained from
[redacted] which was transmitted to the Laboratory with your letter
of August 20, 1946.

To date no reply has been received to the Bureau's letter and accord-
ingly you are requested to immediately furnish the Laboratory with the desired
information as to the disposition of the material you submitted.

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JCC:RS

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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DEC 11 1946 PM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr Tolson
Mr E. A. Tamm
Mr Clegg
Mr Glavin
Mr Ladd
Mr Nichols
Mr Rosen
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Mr Carson
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Mr Gurnea
Mr Harbo
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Mr Pennington
Mr Quinn
Mr Nease
Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *RB*

FROM : Mr. Sizoo

SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE

DATE: December 5, 1946

Mr. Tolson _____

Mr. E. A. Tamm _____

Mr. Clegg _____

Mr. Coffey _____

Mr. Glavin _____

Mr. Ladd _____

Mr. Nichols _____

Mr. Rosen _____

Mr. Tracy _____

Mr. Mohr _____

Mr. Carson _____

Mr. Hendon _____

Mr. Mumford _____

Mr. Jones _____

Mr. Quinn Tamm _____

Tele. Room _____

Mr. Nease _____

Miss Gandy _____

There is presently maintained in a wardrobe cabinet located in the Chart Room a large number of obscene cartoon printing plates which are a part of the obscene file. These plates were obtained back in December of 1942 in connection with the case captioned " [redacted] Interstate Transportation of Obscene Material" Bureau File #71-1484. During the past year these plates were used on only about two occasions for reference purposes and even in those cases booklets printed from these particular plates and which are maintained in the cartoon file in [redacted] room could have been used. It is noted that samples of cartoons printed from these plates are also maintained in [redacted] room.

In view of the fact that very little use is made of these printing plates and further in view of the fact that they were last used commercially four years ago and further since booklets printed from these plates are maintained separately as a part of the file, it is believed that consideration should be given to destroying these plates. It is noted that the Bureau already has authority to dispose of these plates permanently.

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RB

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DATE 7-27-82 BY SP4ELU/

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo

DATE: April 25, 1947

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

There is presently maintained in the Laboratory's Obscene File a red folder containing numerous miscellaneous exhibits sent to the Laboratory about three years ago without any indication as to their original source. In connection with this matter a memorandum was prepared from Mr. Martin to Mr. Coffey on August 1, 1944 recommending that this material be destroyed unless advised to the contrary.

A memorandum was thereafter prepared by [redacted] for Mr. Rosen dated August 18, 1944 indicating that the exhibits were obtained at some expense to the Bureau and were then considered of potential value and their destruction was not authorized at that time.

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Since no information is available as to the original source of this material it is of no value to the Obscene File and it is therefore felt that this material should again be considered at the present time and consideration should be given to authorizing the destruction of these miscellaneous exhibits.

RECOMMENDATION: That this memorandum together with the attached files be referred to Division Six for advice as to the retention or disposition of the material discussed herein.

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These exhibits to be maintained in Obscene File of FBI Laboratory as unit per instructions of Mr. Rosen, Invest. Div.

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EX-51

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: June 7, 1947

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Buffalo

SUBJECT: OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPH RECOVERED ON
LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD PASSENGER TRAIN
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

67669

Attention: FBI Laboratory

b7C

There is being transmitted herewith one obscene photograph which was turned over to the Buffalo Field Office by Lieutenant [redacted] of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Police. Instant photograph was obtained by the Police from a railroad passenger car of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. It apparently had been abandoned by a passenger.

This photograph is being transmitted to the FBI Laboratory to ascertain whether they can identify the individual in the photograph and connect the photograph with any current Bureau case.

Inasmuch as there is no case in the Buffalo Field Office concerning the subject of this photograph, such action as the Laboratory deems advisable may be taken with the photograph.

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Encl.

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SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB.
FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT
6/11/47
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JUN 10 1947

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

June 17, 1947

To:

SAC, Buffalo

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on June 9, 1947.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPH RECOVERED ON
LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD PASSENGER
TRAIN INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF OBSCENE MATTER

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

71-0
80-662-117
12-67669 AX

Examination requested by:

Reference: Buffalo

Examination requested: Letter June 7, 1947

Specimens: Document

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EX-57

Q140 One obscene photograph

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

Specimen Q140 is a photograph of a photograph of a well known obscene picture which has been received from various sources all over the country. The identity of the subject of the picture is not known to the Laboratory.

Inasmuch as specimen Q140 is a duplicate of an exhibit already contained in the Obscene File, it has been destroyed.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

2- Buffalo

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (Attention: FBI Laboratory) DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1947
FROM : SAC, San Antonio ~~100-416~~
SUBJECT: OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED BY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS, b7C
KELLY FIELD, TEXAS

There are enclosed under "Obscene" cover, two photographs furnished to this Office by Major [redacted] and Lt. [redacted] Intelligence Officers, Kelly Field, on April 27, 1945. They were furnished in connection with a non-specific complaint received concerning ANGIE'S PLACE in San Antonio, Texas, allegedly a gathering place for homosexuals.

These photographs are furnished for such disposition as the Bureau desires.

Attachment

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*Photo added to
obscene file
9/19/47
jm*

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EX 25

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: November 10, 1947

TO : Mr. Harbo *Low*FROM :

b7C

SUBJECT: ⁰Obscene File
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Pertinent to the origin and operation of this file is a memorandum from the Director to Mr. Tolson, Mr. Tamm, Mr. Clegg, Mr. Rosen and Mr. Coffey dated July 28, 1944.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Att: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: November 20, 1947

FROM : SAC, Buffalo

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Seven Reels of Obscene
Motion Picture Film
MISCELLANEOUS

N 471120001 **

b7C

There are being transmitted under separate cover seven reels of obscene motion pictures, 8 mm., received by this office from Inspector [redacted] of the Vice and Gambling Squad of the Buffalo Police Department. Inspector [redacted] has turned this film over to the Bureau for whatever identification purposes it may serve and stated he has no interest in its disposition.

This film is accordingly being transmitted to the Bureau for whatever examination the Bureau desires to afford it, and its disposition is left to the discretion of the Bureau.

The reels are entitled:

"Pick Up"

"Honeymooners" (2 parts)

"Telegram Messenger Boy"

"How to get the Porter"

"Dentist Chair" aka The Dentist aka Dentist Dream Chair

"Cartoons" — Buried Treasure

CCG:FAB

cc- Separate cover

4 films destroyed
3 added
11/28/47

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

Att: E. A. Tamm

DATE: January 22, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

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76309

Reference: Phone call by Mr. E. A. Tamm to New York on January 19, 1948.

The following investigation concerning the above matter was conducted by SAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Letter to Director

Re: [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] could furnish very little definite information concerning these girls, and he stated that he had not seen any of them for several months.

[redacted] invited the interviewing agents to search his premises and a search was conducted which resulted negatively.

From the description of the photographs found by [redacted] and as furnished by [redacted] it appears that they are not the same photographs as the photographs found at [redacted] since the latter involved only poses of one person at a time and the former involved a man and a woman in indecent poses.

There is being transmitted with this letter in a sealed envelope Set Number 1 and Set Number 2 of the photographs found at [redacted] for disposition by the Bureau.

Inasmuch as the facts obtained in this investigation do not appear to involve a violation of federal laws, no further action will be taken on this matter in the New York Office.

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, New York

February 7, 1948

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 27, 1948.

b7C

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

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YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO. **D-76309 AX**

Examination requested **New York**

Reference: **Letter dated January 22, 1948**

Examination requested **Document**

Specimens:

- Q1** Set #1 consisting of fourteen obscene photographs on heavy grain paper.
Q2 Set #2 consisting of eleven obscene photographs on fine grain finish paper.

Result of Examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were compared with the material contained in the obscene file but no identification was effected. Representative copies of the photographs contained in specimens Q1 and Q2 will be added to the Laboratory's Obscene File and the remainder of the photographs will be destroyed within 30 days unless advised to the contrary by your office.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

2-New York

JCC: [initials]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Att: E. A. Tamm

DATE: January 22, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT:
OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

b7C

There is being transmitted herewith a sealed envelope containing the results of the investigation of referenced matter and the photographs obtained during the investigation.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

Enc.

ENC - retained in lab.
representative copies
added to file. Rest
will be destroyed in
30 days
2/5/48 *jc*

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80-662-631

NMK:BEA

JAN 26 1948 360

TITLE

MANUFACTURER

Uncle Tom's Cabin
Signifying Monkeys
Here's To Mahatma Gandhi
Keyhole In The Door
Leave The Little Cherries Alone
Old Doc
The Stenographer
The Pioneers

Film

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Page two - SAC, Boston

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

TITLEMANUFACTURER

The Heirs
I'll Be Satisfied
Once A Boy
Woofing Post
Strawberry Roan
Myrtle
The Broadway New York Song
Here's To Mahatma Gandhi
Leave The Little Cherries Alone
Keyhole In The Door
Old Doc
The Deacon
The Baseball Game
Signifying Monkeys
The Pioneers
The Stenographer

Fun

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Columbia Record

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Row, Row, Row
That's Good Enough For Me

Gonna Send You Back Where
I Got You From
Luxury Tax Blues

Mercury Record

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[Eddie Vinson]

Johnnie Had A Yo-Yo
Eleanor
Too Many Men In My Life
Oil Man From Texas
Your Daddy Was A Soldier

De Luxe Records

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The Pickup
Looking For Lei

"Risque New York" Record

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Pool Game
Farmer Brown's Jackass

Star Carter Burlesque Hits

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Girl From Atlantic City
Cute Canine

Laff Disc Record

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Lazyest Gal In Town
The Elevator Song
Uncle Tom's Cabana
The Happy Couple
Columbus and Isabella
Anthony and Cleopatra
Stella The Mouse
Everglades Club

Gala Record

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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ENCLOSURE

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TITLEMANUFACTURER

The Afghan Serenade
Case 142
Tilly The Pure White Laghorn
Wing Toy and Ky Fy
Seaman Dinwiddie Comes Home
Pomona The Deer
Two Horses And A Debutante
Mrs. Pettibone
The Hair Of A Wolf
Dr. Cinamon
Thank You For Coming
O Evening Star
Mrs. Frapp
All Out Annie
Little Richard's Getting Bigger
Lady Godiva And Peeping Tom
Who Brought Me Home
Cobwebs
A Lady's A Lady No Matter What Cocks

Oala Record

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Roll Me Over
Joe and Paul
Minnie The Flapper
Cock-eyed Jenny

Appolo Records Inc.

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Uncle Tom's Cabin

Par-Tee Recording Corp.

Snatch and Grab It
I Was Wrong

Capitol Records Inc.

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Why You No Knock
I'll Never Leave Her Behind Again
The Dental Song
Sarah Sitting in A Shoe Shine Shop
I Took My Organ To The Party
The Beaches and The Banquets
The Dental Song
3,000 Years Ago
Frankie and Johnnie
She Had To Lose It At The Astor
The Kanaka Song
Kelsey's Mute
I Used To Work In Chicago

Pearl Record

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All The Way In
My Ditty Bag

Life of the Party Record

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
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Mr. Pennington _____
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Miss Gandy _____

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TITLE

Joystick

Peter

I Wish I Was A Fairy

Honeymoon

What an Insect

Strawberry Roan

Riding

The Fuller Brush Man

Revelation

The Dentist

The Cook

The Bullfighter

Farmer's Daughter

Her Fuller Brush Man

Woofing Post

Hey Boba Reba

Baby Sitter

Bellboy

Room 202

Secret of Sister Jones

King Tut

Ukulele Papa

Just My Luck

The Bull Fight

Oh Could Hilda Cook

Toots The Teaser

Feelom Hotel

Her Man of War

Farm Life

She's Sitting on It

Bellboy

Baby Sitters

Toots The Teaser

Oh Could Hilda Cook

MANUFACTURER

Kicks Record

High Society Record

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Star and Garter

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Party Novelty's

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Good Humor

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Mr. Tolson _____
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TITLE

Myrtle
The Broadway New York Song

Cleopatra
The Royal Box

Uncle Tom's Cabin
Hey Ba Da Re Hob
My Desire
Woofing Post, Pt. 1
Woofing Post, Pt. 11

All the Horsemen Knew Her
Tillie the Tooter
Sweet Violets
It May Not Be Love

MANUFACTURER

Fun Record
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Barlesque, Harry Ryan & Company
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Carter Record Co.
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Party Novelty's
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Note: Some of the above-listed records have been manufactured by more than one concern.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Glavin _____
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Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 4, 1948

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LAB
FROM : SAC, BOSTON
SUBJECT: OBSCENE PHONOGRAPH RECORDS
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTERS

b7C


Sergeant [] NA, of the Boston Police Department, has furnished this office from time to time with copies of obscene phonograph records assigned to him as violations of the Boston laws dealing with obscene matters.

Sergeant [] is desirous of obtaining a list, by label and title, of records considered obscene as an aid to locating such records offered for sale in Boston.

As a matter of cooperation with Sergeant [] it is suggested the Bureau furnish this office with such a listing as reflected by the obscene file in the FBI Laboratory regardless of whether or not the Department is of the opinion the obscenity is such as would be covered by Federal law.

Sergeant [] has successfully prosecuted cases involving the selling of records which the Department stated were not covered by the I.T.O.M. statute.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION March 19, 1948
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Seattle

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of
evidence received from your office on March 10, 1948.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE
OBSCENE MATTER

Re:

Seattle

Letter March 4, 1948

Document

Examination requested by:

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EX-85

J. Edgar Hoover
71-98 John Edgar Hoover, Director
80-662-135
D-77959 AX

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

Q1 One untitled obscene pamphlet of 86 pages, having various page headings,
"The Captains Story", "The Grecian Lady's Story", etc.
Examination requested.

Results of Examination:

Specimens:

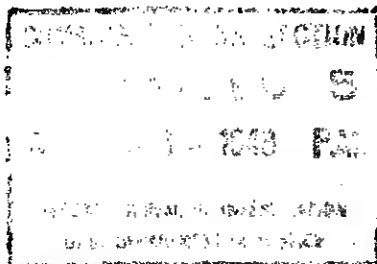
Specimen Q1 was compared with the material contained in the Obscene File
and was found to be similar in content to a six chapter pamphlet entitled
"The Harem of Abdulla Pasha". The other chapters appearing in the instant
pamphlet were not identified in the Obscene File. No information is available
as to the source of this pamphlet, Q1.

Specimen Q1 is retained in the Laboratory's Obscene File.

2-Seattle

JCC:few

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

RECORDED:
3/11/48
4:40 PM

NO LAB FILE

Re: INTERSTATE COMMERCE
OBSCENE MATTER

File # 80-662-135
Lab. # D-77959 AX

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Examination requested by: Seattle (71-98)

Date of reference communication: Let 3/4/48

Date received: 3/10/48
bmv

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination

Examination by:

Q, r prev but no info as to org source

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 One unentitled obscene pamphlet of 86 pages, having various page headings, "The Captains Story", "The Grecian Lady's Story", etc.

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no info as to source inst

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: FBI Laboratory. DATE: March 4, 1948 77953
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE
 SUBJECT: INTERSTATE COMMERCE
 OBSCENE MATTER

Not a FOIPA Deletion

Submitted herewith is one envelope containing obscene matter received by this office as a result of a complaint.

Investigation produced no information to the effect that any interstate transportation of this material was involved.

The matter is being forwarded to the Bureau for purpose of comparison with any known obscene matter specimens on file. It is not necessary that this material be returned and can be retained by the Laboratory for filing purposes.

No further investigative effort will be made in this case unless information from the Laboratory warrants further action on the part of the Seattle Office.

Enclosure.
 REL:wp
 71-98

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3-18-48

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: OBSCENE PHONOGRAPH RECORDS
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTERS
(Bufile 80-662)

ReBulet 3/11/48 furnishing list of records which have been deemed obscene by the Department within the meaning of Section 396, Title 18.

It is noted that this list contains the following records bearing the De Luxe label:

Johnnie Had A Yo-Yo
Eleanor
Too Many Men In My Life
Oil Man From Texas
Your Daddy Was A Soldier

Further reference is made to my letter of 1/15/48 and the Bureau reply of 2/19/48, entitled "DE LUXE RECORDS, Linden, New Jersey; PEARL RECORD COMPANY, Cincinnati, Ohio; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER." The Bureau reply of 2/19/48 indicated that the above De Luxe records in the opinion of the Department do not contain that type of obscenity on which successful prosecution under existing Federal Statutes prohibiting the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter is usually predicated.

It is requested that the Bureau have the Department clarify the matter and advise whether these records are considered of the obscene type.

Further reference is made to my letter of 1/15/48, above mentioned, wherein it is noted that the records forwarded at that time were obtained from [redacted] For the information of the Bureau as well as the Cincinnati and Newark Offices, this office is considering [redacted] as a confidential informant and his identity should be so treated in connection with this type of case.

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RT:ak
71-0-201

cc: CINCINNATI

NEWARK

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Room 7608

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March 29, 1948

SAC, Boston

Director, FBI

OBSCENE PHONOGRAPH RECORDS
INTER STATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER:

Reurlet March 18, 1948.

With reference to Bureau letter of March 11, 1948, the sixteen phonograph records set forth on the bottom of page 1 and the top of page 2 are in the opinion of the Department obscene within the meaning of Section 396, Title 18, U.S.C., the interstate transportation of obscene matter statute.

The list attached to Bureau letter of March 11, 1948, in addition to containing the sixteen records described above, set out all records which have been submitted to the Laboratory in various cases for examination. As distinctly pointed out in Bureau letter of March 11, 1948, certain of the records in the list attached might be considered suggestive rather than obscene.

With regard to the records bearing the De Luxe label described in your letter of March 18, 1948, the Department has advised that such records do not contain that type of obscenity on which successful prosecution under existing Federal statutes prohibiting the interstate transportation of obscene matter is usually predicated.

cc Cincinnati
Bureau

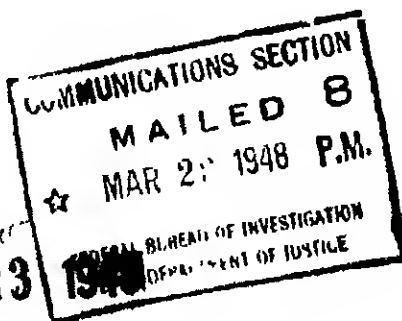
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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 18, 1948

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES
 SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILM

Under separate cover, I am sending one 16 mm film and a number of miscellaneous obscene photographs which were obtained by Special Agent [redacted] from the Los Angeles Police Department. If the Laboratory already has these on file, they may be destroyed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *RH*
 FROM : Mr. Sizoo
 SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE
 (Bureau File #80-662)

DATE: May 3, 1948

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

In my memorandum to you dated April 25, 1947 it was pointed out that the Obscene File contains a red folder of miscellaneous exhibits sent to the Laboratory about three years ago without any indication as to their original source. I pointed out that the material was considered of no value to the Obscene File and consideration should be given to authorizing the destruction of these miscellaneous exhibits.

A notation on this memorandum dated 5-3-47 indicates that the exhibit should be maintained in the Obscene File per instructions of Mr. Rosen.

These exhibits are kept in a red file folder, occupying very little space and require no supervision.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum together with the attached files be referred to Division Six which is requested to indicate how long these exhibits should be retained by the Laboratory.

JCC:hmm

*until further advised
is received from the
check 1948 5-4-47*

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

July 6, 1948

SAC, Los Angeles

To:

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on June 18, 1948.

"A True Dog Story"
Obscene Matter

Re:

Los Angeles

Letter 6/11/48

Examination requested by Document

Reference:

Q141. Examination requested three page article entitled "A True Dog Story".

Result of examination:

Q141 is similar in content to a number of stories which have been submitted to the Laboratory from various sources. However, the original source of the instant specimen is unknown.

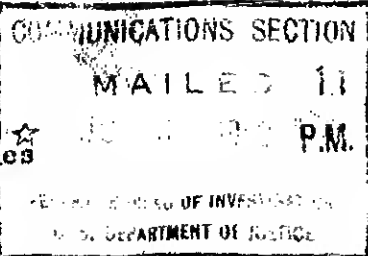
Specimen Q141 will be added to the Obscene File.

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director



Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work SheetRECORDED 6-21-48
11:10Re: "A True Dog Story"
Ooscene matterFile # 80-662-145
Lab. # D-32069 AX

NO LAB FILE

Examination requested by: Los Angeles 71-0


Date of reference communication: 1st. 6-11-48

Date received: 6-18-48
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Examination requested: Document

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Result of Examination

Examination by: *Ident as to contents but orig source not known*Specimens submitted for examination

14/ Mimeographed three page article entitled "A True Dog Story".

*[Handwritten signature]**6-21-48
7/6/48
[unclear]*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: June 11, 1948

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: "A TRUE DOG STORY"
OBSCENE MATTER

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

There is enclosed herewith under obscene cover a mimeographed, three page article entitled "A TRUE DOG STORY". This article was received by the Long Beach Police Department after it was found in possession of

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It is being forwarded to the laboratory for addition to its files. In the event the laboratory can identify the source of this material, it is requested this office be advised.

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DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

May 18, 1942

SAC, El Paso

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[REDACTED]
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE
MATTER.

There is enclosed herewith for examination the following:

One post card of [REDACTED] bearing on the reverse side
the signature of the Subject.

Four obscene photo post cards, identified on the reverse side
as Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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The card identified as No. 1 was obtained at the shop [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The other three post cards were obtained
from the shop [REDACTED] For the information of the Laboratory
the Subject advised that the single photograph reflecting a man performing
an act of perversion on a woman is supposedly a photograph of a man and his
wife, taken recently.

The same type of photographs, as set forth above, were available at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Information developed by the El Paso office also reflects that this material
[REDACTED]

It is requested that an examination be conducted of the submitted matter, in
an effort to determine its origin so that the office of this Bureau covering
the place where subject matter originated can be advised as to its ultimate
disposition.

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There appears to be no reason for returning this matter to the El Paso office,
however it is believed that it should be filed in the Bureau rather than
destroyed, in the event that it might be used at some future date as evidence.
All of the submitted matter has been identified by SA [REDACTED]
of this office, using his initials, the date obtained and the El Paso file
number.

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September 27, 1948

To SAC, New York

From Director, FBI

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OBSCENE MATTER - INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
(Sec. 39C - M. of I. - Vol. III)
Your file 71-0

Reurlet 9-2-48, submitting a suggestion of SA [redacted]
that U. S. Customs authorities be contacted for the purpose of viewing
and obtaining obscene exhibits in the possession of the Bureau of
Customs for inclusion in the obscene file of the laboratory.

For your information this matter has previously been discussed
with the Bureau of Customs at Washington, D. C., and that Bureau has
advised that such an arrangement would not be practicable or desirable.

In view of the above no further contact will be made by the
Bureau with the Bureau of Customs at Washington, D. C. in this regard.

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Director, FBI

September 2, 1948

SAC, New York

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OBSCENE MATTER - INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
(Sec. 39C - M. of I. - Vol. 111)

SA [] respectfully submits the following suggestion:

Attention is directed to the captioned section of the Manual of Instructions wherein it is stated that the Bureau is vitally interested in ascertaining the original source of all obscene material and that for this reason samples of obscene material are desired by the Bureau regardless of the source from which they are obtained.

It was ascertained from [] Deputy Collector, U. S. Customs Service, Bowling Green, New York City, that each year large quantities of obscene material, seized at various ports, are destroyed. This material is not ordinarily submitted to law enforcement agencies or delivered to any U. S. Government agency for review.

It is suggested that contact be made with U. S. Customs officials in Washington, D. C. to ascertain if this situation prevails throughout the country, and if so, arrange to have this material delivered to the FBI Laboratory before it is destroyed.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: September 16, 1948

FROM : A. ROEH

SUBJECT: OBSCENE PHONOGRAPH RECORDS
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
OBSCENE MATTER

The Bureau has developed for possible prosecution several cases involving the interstate transportation of obscene phonograph records. Admissible evidence has been obtained establishing the interstate transportation, and the Department representatives have listened to the records and declared they are obscene within the meaning of the statute.

There are five cases where sufficient evidence has been collected, and one of these is now being considered by the Federal Grand Jury at Topeka, Kansas, which began considering this case on September 13, 1948. The U. S. Attorney at Topeka handling this particular case has indicated that he might not be able to keep the action of the Grand Jury secret. There are four cases on the West Coast, two of which are at San Francisco, one at San Diego, and one at Phoenix. The San Francisco Division has advised that the Post Office authorities and the local State officials are also vitally interested in the same subjects that are being investigated by the Bureau.

Inasmuch as the action of the Grand Jury in Topeka, Kansas, will probably not be kept secret and in view of the local interest and the interest of the Post Office in the West Coast cases, it is suggested that we immediately present to the interested U. S. Attorneys complete facts in these cases and obtain their approval for prosecution. Once we obtain this approval, a fixed time and date can be established in order that the Bureau will move in simultaneously on all subjects. This is advisable since considerable interest has been evidenced in the interstate transportation of these records.

There is attached hereto a detailed memorandum outlining the specific facts in each case involved in the event such information is desired.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: September 15, 1948

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: OBSCENE PHONOGRAPH RECORDS
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

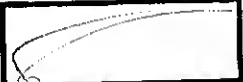
PURPOSE

To advise that in four cases involving the interstate transportation by common carrier or express of phonograph records which the Department and U. S. Attorneys have ruled obscene within the meaning of the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute, the appropriate U. S. Attorneys can be contacted for the purpose of obtaining authority to file complaints against the known subjects. The complaints, however, will not be filed by the field until specific authority is received from the Bureau to do so.

In a fifth case involving similar records, the U. S. Attorney at Topeka is presenting the facts to the Grand Jury. Investigation is continuing in additional obscene record cases to determine if the subjects are transporting interstate by common carrier or express, records of unquestionable obscenity.

DETAILS

In the following five cases investigation has resulted in the establishment of admissible evidence that the subjects are transporting interstate by common carrier or express phonograph records which the Criminal Division of the Department and the U. S. Attorneys have declared to be obscene within the meaning of the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute.


COLUMBIA MUSIC COMPANY
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO ORIGIN

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The Columbia Music Company, 154 Taylor Street, San Francisco, California, and is shipping by railway express numerous unquestionably obscene records bearing the "Stag" label in interstate and intrastate commerce. Investigation during August, 1948, has disclosed that this company made over 20 out of state shipments via railway express which shipments have contained such records as:

Uncle Tom
Second Front
Golf Game
Joy Stick
The Settlers
The Secretary
The Foreword
Thru the Keyhole
Cherry Time in Texas
Texas Tales

cc - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Nease

WHS:ALP

ENCLOSURE

Memo to Mr. Ladd

Examination of the above records at the Bureau has disclosed that their content is identical with records maintained in the obscene file of the Laboratory, which the Criminal Division of the Department has ruled as obscene within the meaning of the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute.

In addition, certain of the interstate shipments have contained such records as:

Settlin' Gal
Barnacle Bill
O'Reilly's Laughter
The Greeting of Ian McGraw
Room 202

The five records listed above have not previously come to the attention of the Bureau and no opinion has been secured from the Criminal Division as to their obscenity. However, there appears to be no doubt that the records are unquestionably obscene inasmuch as they describe lewd and licentious acts in obscene and foul language and the field is therefore being instructed to secure a prosecutive opinion from the U. S. Attorney as to these records.

Other records in addition to those listed above have been included in the shipments from the Columbia Music Company; however, an examination of these records at the Bureau discloses that there may be some doubt that the remaining records contain that type of obscenity on which successful prosecution under existing Federal statutes can be predicated and, therefore, no further action is contemplated as to those records of doubtful obscenity.

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[REDACTED] such "Stag"
records as "O'Reilly's Laughter", "Barnacle Bill", "The Settlers", "The Secretary",
and "Uncle Tom", referred to above. [REDACTED]
"Stag" records including "Uncle Tom", "The Second Front" and "Joy Stick", [REDACTED]

Memo to Mr. Ladd

[REDACTED]

**TED'S RADIO SHOP
SALINAS, CALIFORNIA
[REDACTED] ET AL
SAN FRANCISCO ORIGIN**

Ted's Radio Shop, Salinas, California, during 1947, reportedly distributed in interstate commerce via railway express, records bearing the "Fun" label. Eleven of these records have been submitted by the San Francisco Division and the Criminal Division of the Department has ruled that seven are definitely obscene and are the type of record upon which a successful prosecution might be predicated. The investigation to date has indicated that Ted's Radio Shop is no longer shipping these records by common carrier or express. However, investigation has established that an express shipment of "Fun" records was made from Tempe, Arizona to Belle Fourche, South Dakota in July, 1948. These records were shipped [REDACTED] and the shipment included such records as "Old Doc", "Key Hole", "Uncle Sam", "Leave the Little Cherries Alone", "Here's to Mahatma Gandhi", "The Stenographer", and the "Pioneers", all of which have been ruled by the Criminal Division as obscene within the meaning of the statute.

[REDACTED]

KANSAS CITY ORIGIN

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] such records as "The Pioneers", "Signifying Monkeys", "Uncle Sam", "Hey Ha Ha He Sob", "Leave the Little Cherries Alone", "Here's to Mahatma Gandhi". All of the above records have been ruled obscene by the Criminal Division of the Department.

[REDACTED] has furnished to Special Agents copies of numerous records, some of unquestionable obscenity and others of doubtful obscenity. [REDACTED]

Memo to Mr. Ladd

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SAN DIEGO CRIMINAL

According to the information developed to date by the San Diego
Division. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Large quantities of records bearing the "Star and
Carter" label. Representative specimens of the "Star and Carter" records were
furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department for its opinion as to their
obscenity and the Criminal Division has advised that the records are obscene
within the meaning of the Statute. The following "Star and Carter" records have
been ruled obscene by the Department:

The Bull Fight, Parts I and II
King Tut
The Sins of Sister Jones
Just My Luck
Uncle's Papa
Pool Game
Newspaper Headlines
Police Court
Disorder in the Court

A review of these records at the Bureau disclosed that these records
are for the most part a play on words and that there may be some doubt as to their
obscenity. It is further noted that these records do not contain that type of
unquestionable obscenity contained in "Fur" and "Stag" records. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Memo to Mr. Ladd

[redacted] records
of unquestionable obscenity.

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SAN FRANCISCO ORIGIN

[redacted] five "Kicks"

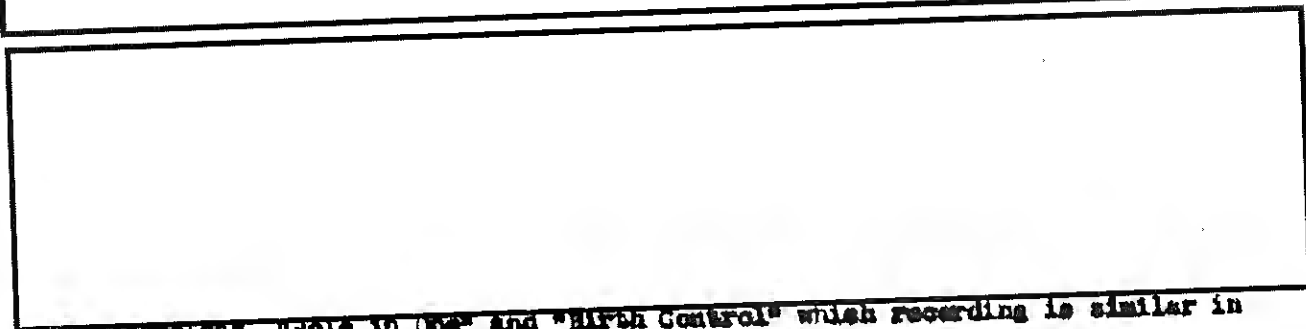
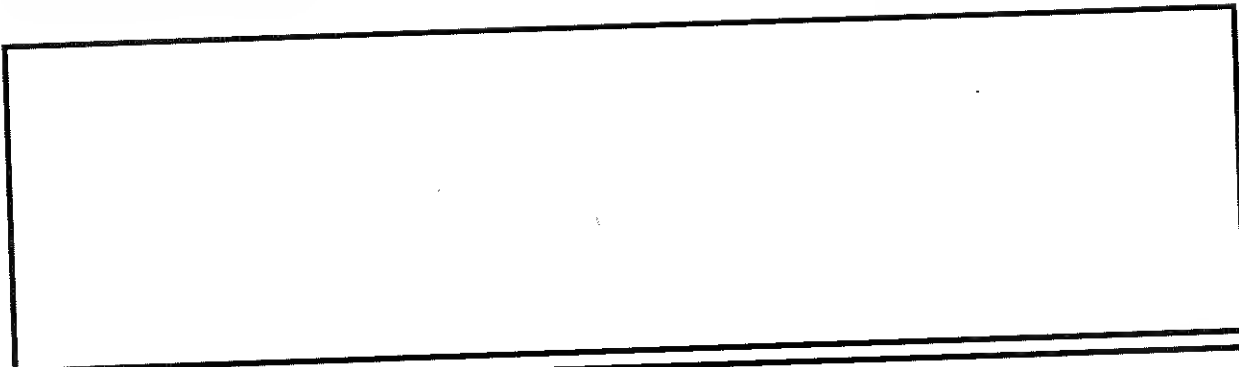
records. Examination of these records at the Bureau has disclosed that of the ten recordings included on both sides of these five records, only two of the recordings have been ruled obscene by the Criminal Division of the Department. In addition, it may be noted that there may be some doubt that these two recordings, namely, "Hole in One" and "Joy Stick" are in fact recordings of unquestionable obscenity inasmuch as they do not contain foul or vulgar language and are limited to a play on words and contain expressions with a double meaning. The other records included in this shipment appeared to be of a type usually deemed not obscene.

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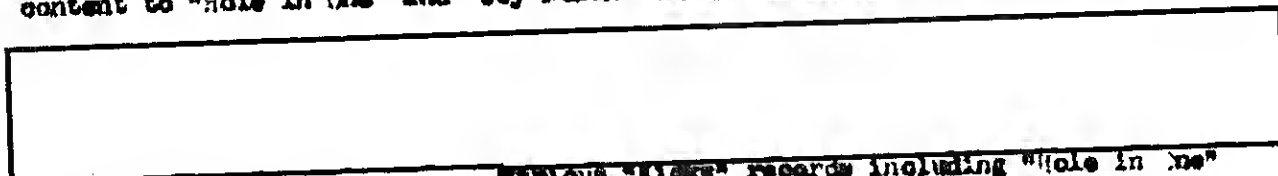
[redacted] has been obtained as well as a list of "Kicks" records. However, the majority of the "Kicks" records submitted to the Bureau to date are of a "risque" rather than of an obscene type.

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SAN FRANCISCO ORIGIN

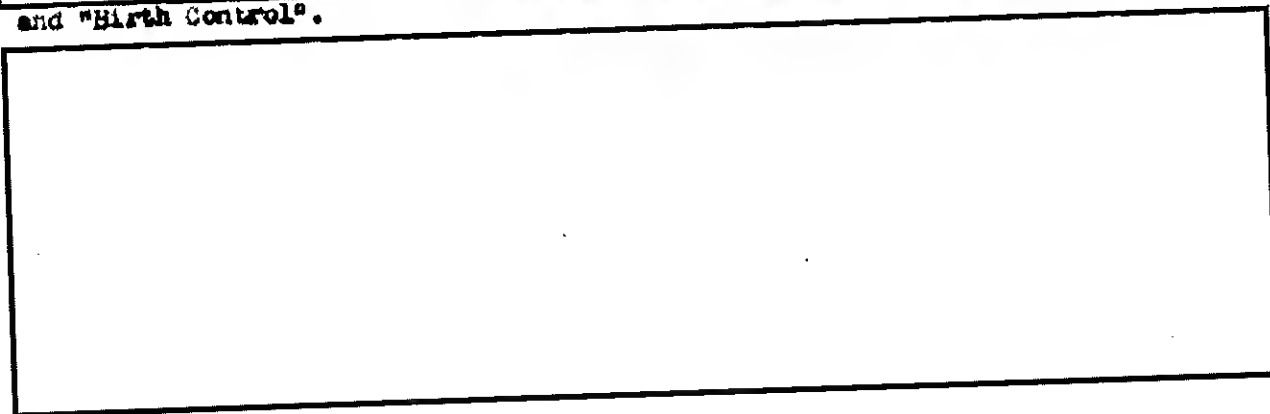
Memo to Mr. Ladd



the recordings, "Hole in One" and "Birth Control" which recording is similar in content to "Hole in One" and "Joy Stick" described above.



various "Kicks" records including "Hole in One" and "Birth Control".



REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 17, 1948

To:

Mr. Guy B. Woodward
Chief of Police
Oceanside, California

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your department on November 29, 1948.

This examination has been made with the understanding that the avoidance is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Unknown Subject
Anonymous Obscene Letter
Oceanside, California

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 80-662
LAB. NO. J-88161 AX

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter dated November 19, 1948

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

1 27 page obscene letter.

Result of Examination:

Specimen 1 was compared with the appropriate material contained in the Laboratory's Obscene file but no identification was effected.

It is not possible to tell whether specimen 1 was written by a male or female individual nor whether the individual preparing specimen 1 is mentally abnormal.

Unless advised to the contrary specimen Q1 will be retained for future reference and comparison purposes.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
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Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work SheetRECORDED 12-3-48
3:00Re: Unknown Subject
Anonymous Obscene Letter
Oceanside, Calif.File #
Lab. #48
12/6
80-662-191

D-88161 AX

NO LAB FILE

Examination requested by: Mr. Ray E. Woodward, Chief of Police, Oceanside, Calif.

Date of reference communication: let. 11-19-48
DocumentDate received: 11-29-48
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Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

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Examination by: 12/6

*no ident
no indication whether male or female*Specimens submitted for examination

1 2/ page obscene letter.

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TELEPHONE 2166

305 NORTH NEVADA STREET



POLICE RADIO
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OCEANSIDE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Guy B. Woodward, Chief
OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE _____

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November 19, 1948.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

*Unsub-
George Block
Oceanside, Calif. 8815*

In re: Attached letters.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find two letters turned over to this department which were dropped on the sidewalk by the local High School. Will you please advise if you have come in contact with any more such letters, and the type person who would be doing writing of this nature. Do you think they were written by a man or a woman? The author is unknown at this time.

Any information you might be able to give us in connection with this type of thing will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Guy B. Woodward
GUY B. WOODWARD,
Chief of Police.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo *RH*

DATE January 7, 1949

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The purpose of this memorandum is to evaluate the file as of January 1, 1949. During the past year, numerous identifications have been effected as a result of the comparisons between the material submitted by various field offices and, to a lesser extent, by Police Departments with material already in the file. Considerable activity has been experienced in obscene phonograph records since the middle of last year. Prior to that time, no phonograph records had been submitted to the Laboratory for several years. The Bureau has a large number of cases presently under investigation and some successful prosecutions have resulted. The activities in this field are continuing and the file has been most useful in identifying records from various sources.

Parsons

Also, of a recent origin has been the activity of [redacted]

[redacted] the Old [redacted] Syndicate (71-1484) which was broken up by the Bureau late in 1942. [redacted]

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[redacted] Their connection with these several cases resulted from the comparisons of various exhibits submitted in the separate cases and with certain exhibits already on file.

In my opinion the file is justified from the Laboratory's standpoint and from the Investigative standpoint. Physically it is in good condition, the cost factor is small and no changes are recommended at this time.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO.

January 27, 1949

Declassified By *SP-8 BTL/mr*
DATE *3/10/83*

BUREAU BULLETIN NO. 6
Series 1949

(A) OBSCENE FILMS - INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER -- In order to avoid unnecessary confusion in the future it is requested that where obscene films are submitted to the Laboratory in metal cans or cardboard containers the titles which actually appear on the films should be checked by unreeling the first three or four feet of film. It has been found that titles on metal cans or cardboard containers are frequently different from the contents of these containers. Therefore, the actual title should be listed in the letter of transmittal rather than titles found on containers.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: June 10, 1949

TO : *R* MR. ROSENFROM : *OK* [redacted]SUBJECT: ~~OBSCENE FILE~~*Obscene Material*

The attached memo from Mr. Sizoo to Mr. Harbo, under date of June 2, 1949, requests the advice of the ~~Investigative Division~~ concerning how long a red file folder of ~~Miscellaneous~~ *Obscene* exhibits presently maintained in the obscene file should be kept. The attached memo reflects that these items occupy very little space and require no supervision.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Since there would appear to be no immediate need for the disposition of these exhibits which may well be of potential value, it is recommended that these exhibits be maintained for a further period of three years at which time the desirability of their retention may again be examined.

With your approval, it is suggested that this memo be routed to the

Laboratory.

OJK:dmm

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

G. I. R. - 3

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. HARBO *PH*

DATE: June 2, 1949

FROM : MR. SIZOO *ja*SUBJECT: *ja* OBSCENE FILE material

In my memorandum to you dated May 3, 1948 it was pointed out that the Obscene File **contains** a red file folder of miscellaneous obscene exhibits sent ~~from~~ the Laboratory about four years ago without any indication as to the original source of the material. I pointed out that the material is considered of no value to the Obscene File and consideration should be given to authorizing the destruction of these miscellaneous exhibits.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

A notation on my memorandum of May 3, 1948 indicates that these exhibits should be retained until further advice was received from Mr. ROSEN. The notation requested that this matter be checked again on 5/4/49.

These exhibits are kept in a red file folder occupying very little space and require no supervision.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this memorandum together with the attached files be referred to Division Six which is requested to indicate how long these exhibits should be retained by the Laboratory.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C. APR 11 1949

SAC, Albany

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on April 1, 1949.

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Miscellaneous Information
Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director
YOUR FILE NO. D-97019 AX
FBI FILE NO.
LAB NO.

Albany

Examination requested by Letter 3-31-49

Reference Document

Examination requested

41 Forty-seven obscene playing cards.
Specimens

Obscene cartoon booklets entitled:

- Q2 MARTHA RAYN
- Q3 BOOB MANUT
- Q4 TILLIE
- Q5 THE FROGMAIRE BAL SWAN
- Q6 ELLA GINNERS
- Q7 HOWARD DUOK
- Q8 MAYON MELLINS
- Q9 KISS ME AGAIN
- Q10 MAE JEST

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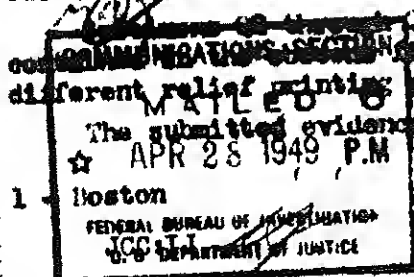
Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was compared with the material contained in the obscene file
but no identification was effected.

Specimens Q2 through Q10 were identified as to content with material
in the obscene file, however, the instant booklets were printed from
different relief printing plates than the material previously submitted.

The submitted evidence will be added to the Laboratory's obscene file.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RJR*

DATE: November 9, 1949

FROM : *OK*SUBJECT: SUGGESTION OF SA
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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Mr. Nichols	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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In the attached memorandum from SA under date of October 15, 1949, he has made a suggestion that arrangements be made with the Bureau of Customs, Washington, D. C., for all obscene material confiscated by that Agency to be submitted to the Bureau prior to destruction in order that, if indicated, such material might be added to the Bureau's Obscene File.

It is noted that SA NY made this identical suggestion, as reflected in a letter from the New York Division to the Bureau under date of September 2, 1948. At that time he was advised that this matter had previously been discussed by the Bureau with the Bureau of Customs at Washington, D. C., and that Customs had stated that such an arrangement would not be practical or desirable. SA NY was informed that in view of that situation, no further contact would be made with the Bureau of Customs in connection with his suggestion.

Concerning the Bureau's prior contact with the Bureau of Customs, in which an effort was made to establish arrangements whereby the Bureau would receive representative samples of obscene matter seized by Customs, the Bureau of Customs stated by letter of January 19, 1945, that it did not believe such an arrangement would be practical or desirable in view of the provisions of Section 305, Tariff Act of 1930, and the regulations issued thereunder with respect to the disposition of obscene matter.

It is noted that Section 305 of the Tariff Act of 1930 appears as Title 19, U. S. Code, Section 1305, which relates to the importation of immoral articles into the United States. The Section provides for the seizure of such articles and proceedings in U. S. District Court for the forfeiture, confiscation and destruction of such material. It then states that "Upon the adjudication that such book or matter thus seized is of the character the entry of which is by this Section prohibited, it shall be ordered destroyed and shall be destroyed."

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

In view of this situation, it is suggested that this memorandum should be routed to Mr. Clegg for consideration by the Joint Committee, together with the unfavorable recommendation of the Investigative Division.

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[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: October 15, 1949

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SA [redacted] - New York

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SUBJECT: SUGGESTIONS

RE: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
OBSCENE MATTER

Reference is made to Chapter 41 of the F.B.I. Handbook in which it is stated that it is extremely desirable that all Agents submit samples of obscene material to the F.B.I. Laboratory regardless of the sources from which they are obtained in order to increase the effectiveness of the Obscene File.

It is suggested that contact be established with the Bureau of Customs in Washington, D.C. to have all obscene material confiscated by that agency submitted to the Bureau before it is destroyed.

It is known that the Bureau of Customs in New York City destroys a great deal of obscene material which it has confiscated each year. This material is not made available to any other agency before destruction.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 15, 1950

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: OBSCENE LITERATURE FILE

ATTN. FBI LABORATORY

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In the attached envelope marked "Obscene" are enclosed two photographs depicting a man and two women engaged in immoral acts. These photographs were made available by Sergeant [redacted] Juvenile Detail, Richmond, California, Police Department, who found them in the personal effects of a juvenile arrested by that Agency. Sergeant [redacted] advised that it is his belief that the participants in these photographs are residents of [redacted]. At the present time Sergeant [redacted] is attempting to identify these persons and if such information is obtained the Bureau will be advised thereof.

The enclosed photographs are being submitted for inclusion in the Bureau's obscene file in view of the fact that their distribution apparently has been widespread throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. They may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of upon conclusion of any examination which is deemed advisable.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo

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DATE: March 1, 1950

FROM :

SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE

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The purpose of this memorandum is to evaluate the file as of January 1, 1950. During the past year numerous identifications were reflected as a result of the comparisons between the material submitted by various field offices and to a lesser extent by other agencies with material already in the file. Considerable activity was experienced in obscene phonograph records during the first half of 1949; however, there has been a marked decrease in this respect due to a number of successful prosecutions in cases involving phonograph records. There will probably be additional prosecutions since many cases were held in abeyance pending a ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court as to whether or not phonograph records were included in the statute. On February 8, 1950, the Supreme Court reversed a decision by the California State Supreme Court, which had held that phonograph records did not come within the statute.

Also, during the past year there has been considerable activity in the printing and transportation of obscene cartoon booklets and playing cards. Most of the cases involving material of this type have originated in an area bounded by New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Savannah, with a sprinkling of cases from other geographical areas. The Laboratory has been able to effect many identifications, particularly of printed matter in one case with various other cases in different field divisions. However, with respect to obscene photographs and motion picture film it is seldom possible to effect identifications due to the common practice of copying and recopying material of this nature to such an extent that there are no characteristics in the evidence themselves to warrant a positive opinion.

In my opinion the file is justified from the Laboratory's standpoint. Physically it is in good condition, the cost factor is small and no changes are recommended at this time.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

gm TO : [redacted] *mb*
 FROM : [redacted] *mb*
 SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE
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DATE: January 12, 1951

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Egan _____
 Mr. Gurnea _____
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 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

Pursuant to your request I have reviewed the Obscene File and find that from an over-all standpoint this file is in good condition. The physical portion of the file is composed of the following sections.

1. PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

The phonograph records are maintained in a three drawer file cabinet. Only one record of a kind is maintained in this cabinet. Each record is numbered and filed in numerical order. An index card for each record is maintained in a 3 x 5 file cabinet. These index cards are arranged alphabetically by title and each card contains the number which appears on the record which is in file.

This method of maintaining the phonograph records appears to be a logical one and no improvement is suggested at this time due to the fact that this system works effectively and efficiently.

2. BOOKS

The obscene books are maintained in a large metal supply cabinet and arranged alphabetically by title within the cabinet. Only one book prepared from the same print setup is maintained in this cabinet. A 3 x 5 index card is maintained by title for each book in a 3 x 5 file cabinet. The index cards which are alphabetically arranged list all identifications which have been made by file number.

It is believed that the present arrangement of this section of the file is satisfactory as it lends itself to ready and quick reference and the volume of this type of material is rather light.

3. MOTION PICTURE FILM

The obscene motion picture film is separated into two main groups, namely nude art motion picture film and obscene motion picture film. All of the motion picture film is contained in approximately 2 1/2 four drawer file cabinets.

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a. NUDE ART MOTION PICTURE FILM

✓ Each can of film in this section is numbered and a card index file is maintained containing the titles in alphabetical order with a number referring to the proper can of film. This section of the obscene file is rather inactive inasmuch as there is no ^{federal} prosecution on this particular type of film. As a result less attention is paid to film of this type.

It is believed that the present arrangement for this type of film is satisfactory under the circumstances.

b. OBSCENE MOTION PICTURE FILM

✓ The film contained in this section of the file is separated into two groups, namely 16mm and 8mm film. The titles appear on each can and the cans are arranged alphabetically within each of the two groups. Those films which do not have a title are maintained at the end of the file and various stills have been made from this film in order that any new motion picture film which is received may be compared with the stills in an effort to identify the film. A card index file is maintained in a 3 x 5 file cabinet and each card, which is filed alphabetically by title, contains in addition to the title the file number, size of the film, and any identifications which have been made. Recently a brief synopsis of what is on the film has been placed on all new cards which have been made. This brief synopsis of the film makes it unnecessary to review the film each time a new submission of evidence is received. The still pictures will be discussed separately in the next section.

It is believed that the present arrangement for this film is satisfactory.

4. MOVIE STILLS

There are approximately 400 cards containing movie stills in this section of the file. These stills are maintained on 14 x 14 white cards and there is no definite arrangement.

RECOMMENDATION: In order to assist the examiner in the searching of this section of the file it is recommended that these movie stills be separated into two main groups, namely:

1. Those movies with all white subjects.
2. Those movies which have negroes included as subjects.

It is further suggested that each of the two above mentioned groups be divided to include;

1. Those films with all male subjects.
2. Those films with all female subjects.
3. Those films with both male and female subjects.
4. Those films in which some of the subjects use a form of disguise.

It is believed that a system of filing such as the above will shorten a search considerably since the usual purpose of a search is to identify the whole film rather than just the subjects. The entire file will, of course, be available for search in the event the examiner deems it necessary.

5. CARTOON BOOKLETS

The cartoon booklets are presently maintained on white cards which are grouped by the artist who originally prepared the sketch and then alphabetically arranged within those groups. Those cartoon booklets which do not fall within a certain artist group are placed at the end of this section of the file with no regard to their alphabetical order. This section of

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the file is unwieldy at the present time and difficult to search.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the cartoon booklets be removed from the large cards and placed in a 3 x 5 filing cabinet in alphabetical order according to title. There are several series of cartoon books which at the present time do not lend themselves to this particular arrangement, therefore, it is suggested that those cartoon books which belong to a series printed by certain printers be arranged in a separate drawer or drawers while they are in an active state. After no additional material is received or after the printer is out of business for a reasonable period of time these booklets could be taken out of this separate category and inserted in alphabetical order with the major portion of the cartoon booklets. (In way of explanation a printer may prepare a series of 10 cartoon booklets which contain the numbers 1 through 10 on the outside cover with each book having a different title. Another printer may on the other hand use a series of letters on the outside covers with each book having a different title. It is these particular series of books which should be arranged and segregated according to series for ready reference because when a cartoon booklet bearing a number or a letter on the title page is received for examination it can immediately be checked with other cartoon booklets of the same series.)

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6. NARRATIVE READERS

✓ The narrative reader books are arranged on white cards which are numbered. A card index file is maintained alphabetically by title and these narrative readers and the corresponding card number appears on each index card.

It is believed that this particular method is a satisfactory arrangement at this time inasmuch as these books vary considerably in size and do not lend themselves in filing purposes other than on a large card such as is in use.

7. OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

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These photographs are partially arranged according to subjects and it is believed that this particular method cannot be improved on at this time.

8. OBSCENE PLAYING CARDS

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The obscene playing cards are arranged partially according to the subjects whose pictures appear on these cards. The older obscene playing cards are divided into groups and there is no problem in searching these older cards; however, the newer obscene playing cards which have been received in the past year or so have no particular arrangement and since there are several hundred of them which are presently arranged on white cards, it is becoming more and more difficult to search them.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that consideration and study be given to a method of classifying and filing these newer obscene playing cards possibly by the printing on the cards itself rather than by the photographs which appear thereon. Since a number of cases are currently being received which contain obscene playing cards it is believed desirable that some method be soon devised which will shorten the search in this section of the file.

9. SPECIAL EXHIBITS FOR TOURS

✓
A few samples of various types of obscene items and booklets are maintained in a special drawer. These items are used only for special tours. It is believed that this setup is satisfactory and no particular recommendation is being made at this time.

10. GROUP OF OBSCENE MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM DIVISION SIX

There is presently maintained in the obscene file a red folder containing numerous miscellaneous exhibits sent to the Laboratory in 1944, by the Investigative Division without any indication as to their original source. The Investigative Division has been contacted approximately once a year for authority to destroy these specimens but authority has been denied each time. By memorandum dated

June 10, 1949, from Supervisor [] to Mr. Rosen the Investigative Division recommended that the exhibits be maintained in the obscene file for three additional years at which time the desirability of their retention or destruction will be again examined.

This material is worthless, takes up space and is never referred to since it would be of no value as the source of the material has never been made known to the Laboratory. It appears that our only recourse is to maintain this material until 1952 at which time strenuous effort should be made on our part to dispose of this material.

If the suggestion concerning the rearrangement of the cartoon booklet section is adopted it would be desirable that additional assistance be furnished the examiner in charge of the obscene file inasmuch as it would involve considerable work on his part if performed by him unassisted.

It is also recommended at this time that consideration be given to rotating the examiner assigned to this particular file approximately once every three or four years. It is not believed desirable that any rotation be made any sooner than this since it takes some period of time before an examiner becomes sufficiently familiar with the material in file to operate at top efficiency.

The actual physical arrangement of the obscene file is not quite as pleasing as other reference files in the outer rooms of the Document Section which are visible to the general tours, however, due to the confidential nature of this material and is viewed by relatively few people, it is believed that the physical setup as it now stands is satisfactory.

ADDENDUM: by [] 1-18-51.

The suggestions made by SA [] after his study of the Obscene File have been carefully reviewed by a committee consisting of SA G.W. Dingle, SA [] SA [] SA [] and the writer. The committee agreed with all of the recommendations of SA [] except the following:

6. NARRATIVE READERS

The narrative readers in file are of four or five

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different sizes. It is believed ^{advisable} ~~favorable~~ to remove them from the cards on which they are mounted and arrange them in groups by size. Within the groups they should be arranged alphabetically. This would eliminate the separate 3 X 5 card index.

8. OBSCENE PLAYING CARDS

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Instead of the recommendation of SA [] the committee believes it more advantageous to mount the playing cards on 1 1/4" X 1 1/4" cards, by suit. In the groups arranged by suits the 1 1/4" X 1 1/4" cards would be arranged by file number. In that manner when a new deck of cards is received for search in the file, any single card can be removed from the questioned deck and compared with the cards of like suit and number very readily.

With reference to the penultimate paragraph on page 6 it is noted that SA [] was assigned to this file in 1950.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. T. HARBO

DATE: January 15, 1950

FROM :

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SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE

The Laboratory's Obscene File is a central clearing house for the Bureau in connection with obscene matters. This file occupies 7 cabinets in Room 7608. The major divisions of the file are:

1. Obscene Motion Picture Film
2. Obscene Phonograph Records
3. Obscene Cartoons
4. Obscene Books
5. Obscene Playing Cards
6. Obscene Photographs
7. Miscellaneous Obscene Novelties

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
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Mr. Nease
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Physically the file is in good condition. It is up to date and there is room for moderate expansion in each of the various sections.

Maintenance of the file takes very little of an examiner's time. The actual examination of current cases and the addition of new material take an estimated 25% of an examiner's time at the present.

Certain possibilities with regard to classifying the cartoon booklets, photographs and playing cards are under consideration but nothing definite has been decided. These possibilities will be discussed in more detail in a separate memorandum.

The Obscene File yields many identifications. These are of particular value in connection with printed matter since such an examination points to a common printing source. In the case of both motion pictures and still photographs it is often possible to tell the field where and by whom the pictures were originally taken and the identity of the persons posing in them.

Unfortunately both motion and still pictures as well as phonograph records are copied and recopied so that it is seldom possible to tell the source of a given print or record.

Material is added to the Obscene File on a selective basis and only one copy of any one printing or item is retained permanently. A great volume of material submitted by the field is incinerated when the investigation has been completed and the proper authority obtained for its destruction.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Obscene File be continued as it is. The classification of any section which becomes unwieldy in its present form will be a continuing project, the work on it to be done according to the need and the time available.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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July 25, 1951

To SAC, Norfolk

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office July 9, 1951.

Re OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO
FBI FILE NO
LAB NO

~~80-662-231~~
D-134539 CT

Examination requested by Norfolk

Reference Letter 7/6/51

Examination requested Document

Specimens

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1 Twenty-four obscene photographs depicting a strip tease performance.

Result of Examination:

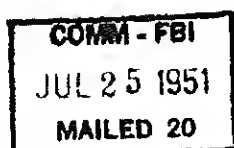
Specimen Q1 was compared with the material contained in the Obscene File, but it was not possible to identify these photographs.

The photographs designated as Q1 are not of the unquestionably obscene character within the meaning of Chapter 41 of Part 3 of the Handbook and no further investigation should be conducted by your office.

Specimen Q1 will be destroyed unless advised by your office to the contrary within the next sixty days.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

File # ~~80-662-231~~
Lab. # D-134539 CJ

No Lab File

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Examination requested by: Norfolk (

Date of reference communication: Let 7-6-51

Date received: 7-9-51

Examination requested: Doc.

7/19/51

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

No Ident Obscene. File
Not of Obscene Character.
Specimens submitted for examination

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Q1 Twenty-four obscene photographs depicting a strip tease performance.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To

October 20, 1950

SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on October 20, 1950.

Re



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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO

FBI FILE NO

LAB NO

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Examination requested by

Reference

SAC, New York

Examination requested

Letter 10/18/50

Specimens

Document

Five reels of 8 mm motion picture film with the following titles:

- 01 Krazy Cat
- 02 Casting Director
- 03 Dr. Long Peter
- 04 Modern Magician
- 05 Hollywood Snapshots

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

Specimens 1 through 5 are all well known obscene film, numerous copies of which have previously been submitted to the Laboratory. However, due to the common practice of copying and recopying this film it is not possible to determine the source of the instant prints.

The submitted evidence is being returned to your office under separate cover.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Norfolk
 SUBJECT: OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

DATE: 7/6/51

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There is being submitted herewith twenty-four obscene photographs of two unknown women depicting a strip tease performance. These photographs were furnished this office by [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he desired that his name be kept confidential in this matter. He stated these photographs were left at his place of business by an unknown [redacted] approximately one month ago.

It is desired that these photographs be searched through the obscene picture files of the Bureau Laboratory in an effort to determine the identity of the two women represented.

The contributor of these photographs does not desire that they be returned to him. After they have served their purpose of the Bureau Laboratory they can be destroyed or retained in the files of obscene pictures at the discretion of the Laboratory.

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COPY AND SPECIMEN SENT TO LAB
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/24/51

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS
 FROM ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 OBSCENE MATTER
 1/31/51

Transmitted herewith to the Laboratory are obscene pictures and pamphlets obtained from the Albuquerque Police Department, which were taken by them from a variety of unknown individuals who have been booked and placed under arrest during the past several weeks.

These exhibits are being transmitted to the Lab for the purpose of inclusion in the obscene file.

Inasmuch as this obscene matter is not known to have been transported by common carrier, no investigation is being conducted by this office and this is submitted for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: August 1, 1951

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
INFORMANT - [REDACTED]
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
OBSCENE MATTER

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Enclosed herewith and marked "Obscene" are twenty photographs given to the Los Angeles Office by [REDACTED] stated that he presently resides at [REDACTED]. While staying in [REDACTED] in Los Angeles, in May or June, 1951, he discovered these photographs in his bureau drawers. [REDACTED] offered the opinion that these photographs may have been of reputable movie stars, and generally appeared to be of an irrational nature. No further action is contemplated by this office. You are requested to make whatever disposition you deem appropriate of these articles.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To SAC, Buffalo

September 15, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on August 25, 1951.

Re 8 mm Film Recovered
By Buffalo Police Department
ITOM

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO
FBI FILE NO
LAB NO

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D-136548 CJ

EX-130

Examination requested by Buffalo

Reference Letter 8/22/51

Examination requested Document

Specimens 8mm motion picture film entitled as follows:

✓ Q1 The Count
✓ Q2 Atomic Jase
✓ Q3 Arm Chair Roommate
✓ Q4 Lovers
✓ Q5 Three Pals
✓ Q6 Hula Swing
✓ Q7 Private Secretary
✓ Q8 Broadway
✓ Q9 Super Salesman
✓ Q10 Scarecrow
✓ Q11 The Bride

✓ Q12 The Golden Shower
✓ Q13 The Gay Quartet
✓ Q14 Body Beautiful
✓ Q15 Fashions of Tomorrow
✓ Q16 Interior Decorator
✓ Q17 Office Girl
✓ Q18 School Daze
✓ Q19 Lazy Nude
✓ Q20 Bobby Soxer
✓ Q21 Parlor Nude
✓ Q22 Vanity Fair

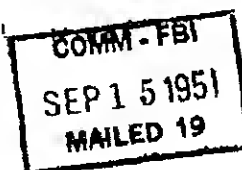
Result of Examination:

Specimens Q1 through Q22 were compared with the material contained in the Obscene File and it was found that specimens Q1, Q2, Q4, Q5, and Q7 through Q13 are identical with well-known obscene films previously submitted to the Laboratory. However, because of the practice of copying and recopying this type of material, it was not possible to determine the source of the instant prints nor was it possible to determine whether the instant prints have traveled in interstate commerce.

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Specimens Q3, Q6, and Q15 through Q22 were not identified in the Obscene File. Specimens Q6 and Q15 through Q22 are not of the unquestionably obscene type as outlined in Chapter 41, of Part III of the FBI Handbook but are rather what are known as "Art" films.

The evidence which you submitted is retained in the Laboratory. Material desired for inclusion in the file will be added and the remainder will be destroyed.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: 8 mm Film Recovered
By Buffalo Police Department
ITOM

File # 80-662-234 ✓
Lab. # D-136548 CJ

Examination requested by: SAC, Buffalo 71-0

Date of reference communication: 8/22/51

Date received: 8/25/51

Examination requested: Document

Examination by:

Result of Examination:

Result of Examination

Q1, Q2, Q4, Q5, Q7-Q13. That Obscene Film
films previously submitted. However source not
determined.
Q3, Q6, Q15-Q22. No That Obscene film.
Q6, Q15 - Specimens submitted for examination
types as outlined in Chptr. 11. Of Part IV of
Handbook.

8mm motion picture film entitled as follows:

Serial	Title	Year	Notes
01	The Count	1930	28
02	Atomic Jazz	1930	28
03	Arm Chair Romance	1930	28
04	Lovers	1930	28
05	Three Pals	1930	28
06	Hula Swing	1930	28
07	Private Secretary	1930	28
08	Broadway	1930	28
09	Super Salesman	1930	28
10	Scarecrow	1930	28
11	The Bride	1930	28
12	The Golden Shower	1930	28
13	The Gay Quartet	1930	28
14	Body Beautiful	1930	28
15	Fashions of Tomorrow	1930	28
16	Interior Decorator	1930	28
17	Office Girl	1930	28
18	School Daze	1930	28
19	Lazy Nude	1930	28
20	Bobby Soxer	1930	28
21	Parlor Nude	1930	28
22	Vanity Fair	1930	28

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 22, 1951

FROM : SAC, Buffalo

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: ~~8 mm~~ FILM RECOVERED BY
BUFFALO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ITOM

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There is being transmitted via Railway Express under Obscene cover a quantity of 8 mm motion picture film.

This film was recovered by members of the Vice Squad, Buffalo Police Department from a vacant lot located in the West Side section of Buffalo. It was turned over to this office for Laboratory examination and whatever disposition may be desired by Lt. [redacted] of the Vice Squad, Buffalo PD.

Lt. [redacted] said he believed this film had been thrown into the lot and abandoned after several arrests had been made on the West Side by members of his Squad, where obscene motion picture film was confiscated. The film has not been examined locally and the titles are set out as reflected on the film and their containers. The Laboratory may destroy the film after it has served the purpose of examination.

The following is a list by title of the film being transmitted to the Laboratory:

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| 1) The Count | 12) The Golden Shower |
| 2) Atomic Jazz | 13) The Gay Quartet |
| 3) Arm Chair Roommate | 14) Body Beautiful |
| 4) Lovers | 15) Fashions of Tomorrow |
| 5) Three Pals | 16) Interior Decorator |
| 6) Hula Swing | 17) Office Girl |
| 7) Private Secretary | 18) School Daze |
| 8) Broadway | 19) Lazy Nude |
| 9) Super Salesman | 20) Bobby Soxer |
| 10) Scarecrow | 21) Parlor Nude |
| 11) The Bride | 22) Vanity Fair |

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: 8 mm Film Recovered
By Buffalo Police Department
ITOM

File # 60-662-234 ✓
Lab. # B-136548 CJ

Examination requested by: SAC, Buffalo 71-0

Date of reference communication: 8/22/51

Date received: 8/25/51

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Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

*add new
destroy*

old

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Specimens submitted for examination

8mm motion ~~picture~~ picture film entitled as follows:

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Q1 The Count | Q12 The Golden Shower |
| Q2 Atomic Jazz | Q13 The Gay Quartet |
| Q3 Arm Chair Romance | Q14 Body Beautiful |
| Q4 Lovers | Q15 Fashions of Tomorrow |
| Q5 Three Pals | Q16 Interior Decorator |
| Q6 Hula Swing | Q17 Office Girl |
| Q7 Private Secretary | Q18 School Daze |
| Q8 Broadway | Q19 Lazy Nude |
| Q9 Super Salesman | Q20 Bobby Soxer |
| Q10 Scarecrow | Q21 Parlor Nude |
| Q11 The Bride | Q22 Vanity Fair |

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your communication of August 24, 1951, together with the enclosures.

I wish to advise that this Bureau can take no action in matters of a local nature and from the facts you presented, there is no indication that a violation within our jurisdiction is involved. You should, of course, bring any details of a local nature to the attention of the appropriate local law enforcement authorities and if you have reason to believe that the mails were used to transmit material of the type you enclosed, you should contact the Chief Inspector, Post Office Department, Pennsylvania Avenue between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

In view of your interest, I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Director's Statement on Radio Crime Programs
How Safe Is Your Daughter?
Director's Statement Before the Kefauver Committee on Juvenile
Delinquency

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Mr. [unclear]

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DATE: Dec. 14, 1951

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (71-0) Attn.: FBI LABORATORY
SUBJECT: OBSCENE MATTER Not a FOIPA Deletion

There is enclosed herewith one package of obscene playing cards which were furnished by a potential criminal informant of this office.

These cards are furnished to the Bureau for inclusion in the Obscene File if desired or they may be appropriately disposed of by the Bureau.

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cc: 62-1261

Encl.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI - Attention: FBI Laboratory DATE: February 11, 1952
 FROM : SAC, WFO (71-0)
 SUBJECT: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

Enclosed is a 1952 nudist calendar and nudist state park directory confiscated by the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., at [redacted] b7C
 [redacted] who obtained them from [redacted]
 [redacted] who has a mailing address of [redacted]

This material is forwarded to increase the effectiveness of the obscene file, no investigation being conducted with reference to this material.

Enclosure.

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Copy of [redacted]
 to [redacted]
 2-13-52
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo

DATE: January 14, 1952

FROM :

b7C

SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE

Tolson _____
 Ladd _____
 Clegg _____
 Glavin _____
 Nichols _____
 Rosen _____
 Tracy _____
 Egan _____
 Gurnea _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Pennington _____
 Quinn Tamm _____
 Nease _____
 Gandy _____

The Physical and Administrative files relating to obscene matters (80-662) have been reviewed for evaluation purposes. The Physical file occupies seven cabinets in Room 7608, and is subdivided as follows:

1. Obscene Motion Picture Film
2. Obscene Phonograph Records
3. Obscene Cartoons
4. Obscene Books
5. Obscene Playing Cards
6. Obscene Photographs
7. Miscellaneous Obscene Novelties

The maintenance of the file requires a relatively small amount of an examiner's time. The actual examination of current cases and the addition of new material take an estimated 25% of an examiner's time.

During 1951, several sections of the obscene file were reclassified for more efficient searching in accordance with the recommendation set forth in SA memorandum to dated January 12, 1951 (80-662-230). This reclassification required considerable time to accomplish.

(1,077 specimens)

Many identifications were made in the obscene file during the past year. These are of particular value to the field insofar as printed matter is concerned since such an examination points to a common printing source. However, in the case of motion pictures and still photographs, the practice of copying and recopying this type of material makes it impossible to identify the source of this material.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Obscene File be retained in its present form except that portion of the file containing still photographs (approximately two drawers). It is recommended that the portion of the obscene file containing still photographs be eliminated for the following reasons:

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(1) Because of the practice of copying and recopying still photographs, it is impossible to trace the original source of the evidence submitted from a Laboratory examination.

(2) Laboratory examinations of this evidence cannot determine whether a particular photograph has travelled interstate by common carrier.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Detroit

August 26, 1953

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on August 17, 1953.

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Re

[Redacted]
ITOM

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO
FBI FILE NO
LAB NO

71-383
71-5892
L-171051 CJ

Examination requested by

SAC, Detroit

Reference

Letter 8-13-53

Examination requested

Document

Specimens

Eight eight-page cartoon booklets entitled:

- Q1 "Gypsy Rose Lee in Burlesque."
- Q2 " " " " at the Author's Club."
- Q3 " " " " in the Hotel Room."
- Q4 " " " " in the Night Club."
- Q5 "Robert Mitchum in Goof Butts."
- Q6 "The Adventures of a Fuller Brush Man."
- Q7 "Tyrone Power in the Rescue."
- Q8 "Father Williams in Get a Li'l Like the Fishes Do."

Four thirty-two-page readers entitled:

- Q9 "Death of a Millionaire."
- Q10 "Carlos."
- Q11 "Irene."
- Q12 "Georgianna."
- Q13 Ninety-six-page reader entitled "Memories of an Hotel Man."
- Q14 Deck of Playing Cards, white box, blue backs.

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Laughlin _____
Mohr _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Rm. _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

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Results of Examination:

Specimens Q1 through Q13 were not identified in the Obscene File. However, booklets and readers of the same contents as specimens Q1 through Q8 and Q13 have been previously received in the Laboratory.

Specimen Q14 was identified as having originated from the same source as similar decks of cards submitted by the Kansas City Division in connection with the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; [REDACTED]; ITOM" under date of August 4, 1953, and in connection with the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; SALE OF OBSCENE MATTER AT [REDACTED]; ITOM" under date of August 14, 1953. The first case mentioned above has Bureau file 71-5880, while the second case has Bureau file 71-5890. The Kansas City Division furnished no information as to the original source of these cards.

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Specimens Q1 through Q14 are retained in the Laboratory and, unless advised to the contrary by your office within the next sixty days, will be appropriately disposed of.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: January 30, 1952

FROM : [redacted] *WSE*

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SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE

Tolson	_____
Ladd	_____
Clegg	_____
Glavin	_____
Nichols	_____
Tracy	_____
Harbo	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Nease	_____
Gandy	_____

To assist our investigative operations regarding the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute the Laboratory maintains for examination and comparison purposes obscene material submitted by the field. This material is divided into seven categories consisting of (1) Obscene motion picture film (2) Obscene phonograph records (3) Obscene cartoons (4) Obscene books (5) Obscene playing cards (6) Obscene photographs (7) Miscellaneous obscene novelties.

In a memorandum dated 1/14/52, the Laboratory has recommended that item No.6, obscene photographs, be eliminated because (1) due to the practice of copying and recopying still photographs it is impossible to trace the original source of the evidence (2) laboratory examinations cannot determine whether a particular photograph has traveled interstate by common carrier.

It has been the experience of the Investigative Division that the file as it is now maintained, with reference to still photographs, serves to put the field on notice whether new or old material is being circulated and whether submissions of this kind have been received from other field divisions. Without question, this is of some assistance to the investigator in the field and for this reason we do not concur with the recommendation of the Laboratory.

ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Laboratory.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *RH*

DATE: August 21, 1952

FROM : *JS*

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SUBJECT: OBSCENE FILE
INTERIOR

Tolson _____
 Ladd _____
 Clegg _____
 Glavin _____
 Nichols _____
 Rosen _____
 Tracy _____
 Harbo _____
 Belmont _____
 Mohr _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Nease _____
 Gandy _____

On June 2, 1949, in a memorandum from Mr. Sizoo to Mr. Harbo, reference was made to a red folder of miscellaneous obscene exhibits which were sent to the Laboratory in approximately 1945 without any indication as to the original source of the material. This memorandum indicates that in May 1948 a memorandum was written indicating that this material was of no value to the Obscene File and consideration should be given to authorizing the destruction of these miscellaneous exhibits.

On June 10, 1949, Supervisor prepared a memorandum for Mr. Rosen referring to Mr. Sizoo's memorandum to Mr. Harbo in which he recommended that the exhibits be maintained for a further period of three years at which time the desirability of their retention again be examined.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the General Investigative Division authorize destruction of this material since it is of no value to the Obscene File.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: August 28, 1952

FROM :



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SUBJECT:

OBSCENE FILE

Tolson _____
 Ladd _____
 Clegg _____
 Glavin _____
 Nichols _____
 Rosen _____
 Tracy _____
 Harbo _____
 Alden _____
 Belmont _____
 Laughlin _____
 Mohr _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Nease _____

The Laboratory has requested advice as whether the miscellaneous obscene exhibits in a red folder should be destroyed.

These exhibits were obtained at some expense to the Bureau and are considered of potential value.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended they be retained for a period of 3 years longer at which time consideration be given as to the disposal of these items.

ABE:hbd

I don't have any further need for it. 8/29/52 AR

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. T. HARBO *RH*

DATE: January 14, 1953

FROM :

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SUBJECT: *MATERIAL*
OBSCENE FILE

The Physical and Administrative Files relating to obscene material, Bureau File 80-662, have been reviewed for evaluation purposes. The Physical File occupies portions of nine cabinets in room 7608 and is broken down as follows:

1. Obscene Motion Picture Film
2. Obscene Phonograph Records
3. Obscene Cartoon Booklets
4. Obscene Books
5. Obscene Playing Cards
6. Obscene Photographs
7. Miscellaneous Obscene Novelties

The maintenance of the file and the examination of current evidence take an estimated 25% of an examiner's time.

During 1952, 2794 specimens were searched through the Obscene File, of which 1815 were identified with material previously submitted. These identifications, particularly of printed matter, are of value to the field since such an examination points to a common printing source. However, in the case of motion picture film and obscene photographs, it is not possible to identify the source of this material because of the practice of copying and recopying this type of evidence.

In January, 1952, the Laboratory recommended that the obscene still photographs be discontinued. However, the Investigative Division recommended the retention of this type of material since they felt that an identification of this type of evidence indicates to the field whether or not new material is being circulated and whether similar photographs have been received from other field divisions. The Investigative Division feels that this information is of considerable value to the investigator in the field. The views of the Investigative Division are set forth in a memorandum from to Mr. Rosen dated January 30, 1952. *LA*

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Obscene File be retained in its present form.

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Gandy _____

St. Cloud Daily Times 2-9

Other People's Opinions

"Let the People Have the Truth, and Freedom to Discuss It,
and All Will Go Well"

Judge Deplores Reading Filth

Editor Times:

There has been some rather startling statements made by "educators" regarding the effect of indecent literature upon the acts and minds of youth. Perhaps the most startling is the fact that the instructors call such muck literature.

But considering the sharp upturn in the incidence of delinquency (85% in Minneapolis) and especially, when that trend is in the sex offense field, in the sadistic, the violent type of crime, the robbery with beatings, we wonder if the educators might not be better occupied with teaching citizenship responsibilities and American history, rather than defending the peddlers of filth.

Stepping over some of the inane statements such as "sex is here to stay", let's get down to cause and effect; and the fact that J. Edgar Hoover, is off his trolley according to the St. Cloud professor and the U. of M. instructor. This lowly judge was also name as wrong, but that is not important.

Frankly, there is no cause for delinquency. So any embryo sociologist can easily say: "They cannot prove reading a book or a smut sheet caused a certain youth to commit a crime."

True, there are always three or more identified causing factors in any delinquency. But when you combine the natural drive of sex, the curious mind of an adolescent, and then make easily available to such youth tons upon tons of information of perverted sex acts, narcotic lessons, sadistic-rape-murder, general lawlessness and sensuality, and the delinquencies, over the nation are like nature, you come up with "a dominate factor" in the cause of delinquency. That is what we maintain; that obscene prints and pictures are a definite threat and a precipitating influence toward delinquency.

Statistics gathered five or six years ago, with conclusions reached of late from those figures, are of no value. The ~~flash-~~ development of the distribution of objectionable materials in print and picture form has outdated those conclusions.

So let's get down to current actualities. In 1952, Judge Mulholland of New York domestic relations court, sent certain literature to several psychiatrists and educators and asked their opinion as to harmful effects upon youth.

The boys in the case before him, were sent to Dr. Joseph A. Manno, psychiatrist in charge of King's county hospital, along with the literature found in their possession. The doctor stated:

"I find the child had read page 26 of one book before he committed the crime. It is my opinion that the antisocial act was precipitated by the reading of this book. It is obscene, provoking and detrimental to the healthy emotional growth of young people. It unwisely stimulates and excites the sensual urges of young boys while they are still in the state of increased suggestibility. It would be wise if such books were prohibited by law to minors."

Receiving the same literature, but not the boys, was Dr. Ernest Harms, editor of "The Nervous Child." He stated: "If I had anything to say about it, such books would be kept out of juvenile hands."

Dr. Richard Hoffman, a noted private psychiatrist in New York stated: "There are some phases of human life that begin and should end in the clinic. Exposing juveniles to trashy muck under the name of literature, produces the kind of effect in the potential delinquent, if I may quote Cicero 'Forge a sword for their audacity and light a torch for their lust'. For this reason, such books should be condemned."

Dr. Frederic Wertham, psychiatrist of Queen hospital, N.Y. "From pages 28 to 31 of one book, it described an episode where a group of boys pay a girl for having intercourse with them all, and then take the money away from her by violence. I have examined a number of boys who ~~at~~ just that—and this book should be a "good primer" for teaching it to those who haven't had the idea yet."

Supt. of New York school, Dr. Frank D. Whalen stated in answer to the same questions submitted by Judge Mulholland, hit the statement that facts-of-life aid youth: "Will a step-by-step description of how to jostle a young girl in a crowded subway train diminish delinquency, or a detailed catalogue of the lascivious possibilities of a cellar club lead youngsters to shun them?—you can't put out a fire by fanning the flame."

J. Ritchie Stevenson, N.Y. vocational school: "The books are obscene and serve no good purpose. There is a tendency for the adolescent to imitate the characters portrayed in the books. I would never recommend these filthy books to anyone. In fact, I feel these books are very dangerous in the hands of adolescent boys and girls."

There is much more testimony to this effect by responsible educators and those having first hand daily contact with youth in trouble. People should not become confused with

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"comic book" arguments of some five or six years ago—with the material under investigation.

True, a Dr. Abramson and a Dr. Sherman stated the opposite view but on a generalized plane, not specific cases. And anyone familiar with their works knows that they have consistently "out-Freud" Freud in other categories of mental health statements.

Now what do the reliable men of the distribution field think: Samuel Black, Vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Distributors association, April, 1952 convention in Florida: "Frankly, there is no real jurisdiction or excuse for much of the material we are distributing. It is impertive that we free ourselves without delay. And one wonders what manner of diseased mind can contrive such tripe. Many of the magazines, in addition, carry advertisements of a nature so objectionable and so personal that we would not, under any circumstances, want our own children to be exposed to it."

Then take Mr. O'Connor of the Bantam Books Inc.: He stated repeatedly before the Gatherings House committee (Washington) "As a personal opinion, I will say I wouldn't want to give them to adolescents, no; I wouldn't give them to my own daughter, for example."

Then let's take David Cook of the Cook Publishing company remarking on the fact that fifty million comic books are placed on the stands each month over the nation. "Since most children have a difficult time reading in their earlier years, the visual presentation makes it easy for them to understand what is going on. To my mind the potential damage to impressionable young minds done by this kind of thing is shocking. This naked appeal to sadism, horror, cruelty to a harm which is incalculable."

I wonder if the "educators" know that the "girlie" magazines are not put out by regular publication firms, but as the by-product of honkey-tonks. That men with this particular diseased mind hire the girls to pose in the various "come-on" positions and "story angles" and that said minds do the story to accompany the picture. They then beg some printer to run the printing; and once produced any distributor will sell it, because he, the distributor, has nothing to lose, his job is distribution.

So we find the professors defending a by-product of prostitution. But let us hasten to add that they are perhaps as poorly informed in this fact and they are in their other utterances. Meanwhile, the judges of the juvenile courts will continue to place their faith in the sane, sensible opinions of the mothers and fathers of this State of Minnesota, and count upon them to rid their communities, with the help of their legislators who are a part of this parent-hood of Minnesota, of this infiltration of filth; and that we have no offers of compromise to this type of gangsterism.

—Judge Vincent Hollaren,
Worthington, Minnesota

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 3-27-53

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (71-0)
 SUBJECT: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 OBSCENE MATTER

There are being forwarded, under separate cover, books and photographs which were voluntarily furnished by the Sheriff's Office of McLean County for the information of and disposal by the Bureau.

The Sheriff's Office of McLean County advised that these books were seized during routine searches of individuals being incarcerated.

No information regarding the source of the individual books or photographs is available.

GJW:MMS

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*No Lab Exam necessary.
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 added to file. old material
 will be destroyed.
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 WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date July 13, 1953 Case References 80-662

Consigned to: SAC, Detroit

Re: RAID OF [REDACTED]

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

7-1

May 21, 1954

To: SAC, Oklahoma City

Re: UNSUB.
ITOM

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 145-
FBI FILE NO. 80-662
LAB. NO. D-184612 CJ

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City

Reference: Letter 5-6-54

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

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- Q1 Obscene cartoon entitled A Chinese Christmas Tree
- Q2 Obscene cartoon entitled Doing It The Hard Way

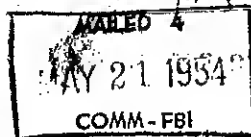
RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were not identified in the Obscene File.

Unless advised to the contrary by your office within the next sixty days, these specimens will be added to the Obscene File.

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Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Gearty _____
Mohr _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____



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55 MAY 25 1954

Handwritten signatures and initials

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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No Lab. File.

Re: UNSUB.
ITOM

File # 80-662-261
Lab. # D-184612 CJ

Examination requested by: SAC Oklahoma City (145-)

Date of reference communication: 5-6-54

Date received: 5-10-54

Examination requested: Doc.

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

*Q1 & Q2 No Short Obscene file.
Specimens to be added to file*

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Obscene cartoon entitled A Chinese Christmas Tree. — *no ref*

Q2 Obscene cartoon entitled Doing It The Hard Way. — *no ref*

*Lab Rept.
JH: all
5-21-54*

[Signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: May 6, 1954

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (44-5-)

Attention: FBI Laboratory

184612

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

FROM

① I 4017 - GEN'L

Enclosed are two pieces of obscene matter which were furnished to this office by officer [redacted] of the Chickasha Police Department.

Officer [redacted] said that the above mentioned obscene matter was handed to him by an unknown individual on the streets of Chickasha.

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Officer [redacted] advised that the material could be destroyed.

It is requested that the Bureau attempt to obtain the sources of the materials and advise the Oklahoma City Office.

No investigation is being conducted in this matter at the present time.

AGW:pqh
Encl. (Registered)

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Mr. Tolson

8/2/54

R. T. Harbo

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**VICTIMS - KIDNAPING; INTERSTATE
TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE**

During a review of the file in captioned case by SA [redacted] of the Inspection staff, it was noted that two obscene copies of a signed statement were in an unsealed exhibit envelope of the file but were not in sealed envelopes. Although, two empty envelopes marked "obscene" were also in the exhibit envelope, the two empty envelopes apparently had been sealed with Scotch tape and reopened. No other weaknesses were noted in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum from the Director to Messrs. Tolson, Nichols, Boardman, Belmont and Rosen go forward cautioning that [redacted] handling obscene material and make certain that such material is kept in sealed envelopes marked "obscene" as required.

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Tracy _____
Mohr _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

Attachment
Bufile 7-7025
WHD:rdm
cc: Mr. Mohr
Mr. Rosen

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August 3, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. NICHOLS
MR. BELMONT
MR. ROSEN

Re: OBSCENE MATERIAL

An instance has occurred where two copies of an obscene signed statement were found in an unsealed exhibit envelope of a file.

The copies were not in sealed envelopes, although two empty envelopes marked "Obscene" were also in the exhibit envelope. The two empty envelopes apparently had been sealed with scotch tape and reopened. Employees handling obscene material must make certain that such material is kept in sealed envelopes marked "Obscene" as required.

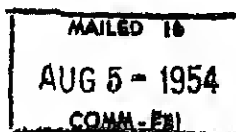
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

WHB:dmb

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
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Tamm _____
Tracy _____
Mohr _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Rm. _____
Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____



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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

OBSCENE MATERIAL

In looking back over some correspondence we had years ago, I realize what a satisfaction it is to you to see the imminent demise of the dirty "comic" books, knowing how hard you tried so long ago to rid the newsstands of these cesspools.

There are a lot of great things about the United States, but one item we need to be ashamed of: it takes entirely too long for us to take corrective steps. With the pulp magazines, it is a case of action pretty late, for we have a whole generation saturated with the stuff, and the writers of the worst - made rich and famous in motion pictures.

This brings me to the next subject: movies. In how long will the so-called self-censorship be shown up for the fraud it is, and rigid censorship imposed until the industry shows itself honestly capable of handling the matter itself?

I enclose a collection of material for your inspection. You may turn it over to the House or Senate Committee that was interested in such, if any Committee now remains, when you finish with the clippings. Certainly, there should be no great difficulty in keeping advertising in decent bounds. An editor should be able to do this.

Ten years with a major motion picture firm has me thoroughly sickened from what I've seen, so I am leaving and heading for Walt Disney's. I feel that he is about the only man who turns out a product that can honestly be said to be in the public interest. So as to avoid being blabbed in the whole industry, you might refrain from identifying me with the material enclosed. I dislike saying this, but I know Hollywood. In conclusion, may I call your attention to bottom page 9, Los Angeles TIMES for November 4, 1954; the ad for "Barefoot Contessa", and the dialog under Bogart's picture.

Regards

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"ENTERTAINING AND ADROIT . . . MARTINE CAROL
IS A WELL-ENDOWED BLONDE OF PROVOCATIVE CHARMS"
—L. A. Examiner

"Flaming, frankly told love story"
—L. A. Times

"A lass who flits from boudoir to boudoir."
—L. A. Herald-Exp.

"History from a boudoir window."
—L. A. Daily



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LOUIS HAYWARD in
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The candid and adult drama of
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VERY EYES!

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AND LIFE!

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SHE SHOULD SAID NO!

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EL REY
MIRAGE MILE

An American Luxurama Film starring
ROCKINGE
FRANKIE PHILLIPS

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *mb*DATE:
November 15, 1954FROM *mb* [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____

We have received a letter dated November 6, 1954, from captioned individual, on which no first name appears. He encloses some movie advertisements, and the substance of his letter is that ads of the type he encloses are so vile that we should rid ourselves of them.

Neither the Bureau mailing list nor the [redacted] telephone directory lists a Hines at the above address. Since General Indices contain approximately 7,500 cards on the surname [redacted] it is felt useless to endeavor to identify correspondent in files. Since he requests no action, it is felt that we should not acknowledge the letter.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the letter not be acknowledged.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons *J*

DATE: January 18, 1955

FROM :

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SUBJECT: Obscene Material File

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

The physical and Administrative files relating to obscene material, Bureau file 80-662, have been reviewed. The physical file occupies nine cabinets in room 7608 and is subdivided as follows:

- Obscene Motion Picture Film-701 Reels
- Obscene Phonograph Records-268
- Obscene Cartoon Booklets-3872
- Obscene Readers and Pamphlets-1378
- Obscene Books and Nudist Publications-358
- Obscene Playing Cards-102 Decks
- Obscene Photographs mounted on 1280 Cards
- Miscellaneous Cartoons, Printed matter and
- Novelties mounted on 273 Cards

The examination of evidence submitted in current cases and the addition of new material to the Obscene File take approximately twenty-five per cent of an examiner's time.

During 1954, 1859 specimens were searched through the Obscene File as compared to 1729 specimens searched during 1953. In 1954, 823 specimens were identified as compared with 817 specimens in 1953. The identification of printed matter is of particular value to the field since such an identification indicates a common source. This is of value in showing the interstate transportation of the material and the distribution of this material. Identifications of photographs and motion picture film are of limited value because of the practice of copying and recopying this type of material.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Obscene File be retained in its present form.

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April 14, 1955

Re: COMIC CARDS FROM [redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO

FBI FILE NO

LAB NO

100-62-1717 b7C
D-20233 CJ b7D

EX-116

Examination requested by

Butte

Reference

Letter 4-1-55

Examination requested

Document

Specimens

Q1 One No. 2 set of 10 wallet size "Comic Cards" in color.

Result of examination:

Added to file 4/19/55
The cards contained 1 specimen and were compared with material in the ~~Obscene~~ File but it was not possible to identify the set with any similar sets previously received. However, some of the cartoons contained on these cards have previously come to the attention of the Bureau.

You should, through [redacted] and other sources available to you, attempt to establish the original source of the "Comic Cards" to determine whether or not there may be a possible violation of the ITA statute.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Sizoo _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

The evidence submitted, Q1, is retained in the Laboratory and, unless advised to the contrary by your office within the next 60 days, it will be appropriately disposed of. It is assumed that authorization for the disposal of this material, either oral or written, has been obtained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work SheetRecorded
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Re: COMIC CARDS FROM [REDACTED]

File # 80-662-274 ✓
Lab. # D-202533 CJ[REDACTED]
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Examination requested by: SAC, Butte

Date of reference communication: 4-1-55

Date received: 4-4-55

Examination requested: Document

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Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED] *SKA*

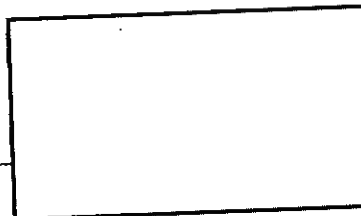
*Similar Cards containing same
Contents per Reid but no 2d
on set basis.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 One No. 2 set of 10 wallet size "Comic Cards" in color.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *WJ* BUTTE

SUBJECT: COMIC CARDS FROM [REDACTED]
BUTTE
ITOM

DATE: 4/1/55

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There is being forwarded with this letter a set of "Comic Cards" furnished by [REDACTED] PCI, who resides at [REDACTED]. It is believed that at least some of the cards would be rated as obscene.

[REDACTED] advised that he was given these cards by [REDACTED]. They are being furnished the Bureau for whatever value they might have.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU

One set of "Comic Cards" in sealed envelope marked "obscene."

Enclosure (1)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 22, 1955

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (145-0)

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

SUBJECT:
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Re Buffalo letter to Bureau dated 7/22/55.

There are being submitted to the Bureau under separate cover 18 rolls of 16 mm. obscene film and 1 deck of obscene playing cards. The titles of these obscene films are as follows:

- Q1 3 rolls of ~~the~~ film entitled "Brown Dog".
- Q2 1 roll of ~~the~~ film entitled "Blue Plate".
- Q3 2 rolls of ~~the~~ film entitled "Changing Partners".
- Q4 2 rolls of ~~the~~ film entitled "Dice Game".
- Q5 2 rolls of ~~the~~ film entitled "Part 1 B-B".
- Q6 2 rolls of ~~the~~ film entitled "Instructor".
- Q7 2 rolls of ~~the~~ film entitled "Butcher Boy".
- Q8 2 rolls of ~~the~~ film entitled "Smart Alec".
- Q9 2 rolls of ~~the~~ film entitled "All Four Working." (Part II B-B)

On June 30, 1955, advised this office that the subject, who was from was in Niagara Falls, New York, for the purpose of selling obscene film. This information was furnished to the Niagara Falls, New York Police Department and seized the above 18 rolls of obscene film which the subject had

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in his possession. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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The obscene films being sent under separate cover and the obscene playing cards were furnished this office by Superintendent of Police CHARLES GORMAN, Niagara Falls, New York Police Department and he advised that he did not want the films or the playing cards returned to him.

It is suggested that these films be reviewed at the Bureau with a view in mind of determining their source and after such review, they may be either kept or destroyed by the Bureau.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY)

DATE: July 28, 1955

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FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (145-6)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED]
Informant, ITOM

County Attorney D. D. GARRISON, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
on July 13, 1955 advised that he received information that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] County Investigator, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] purchased obscene literature [REDACTED] following which
[REDACTED] instructed [REDACTED] to bring all obscene matter in his
possession to the County Attorney's office.

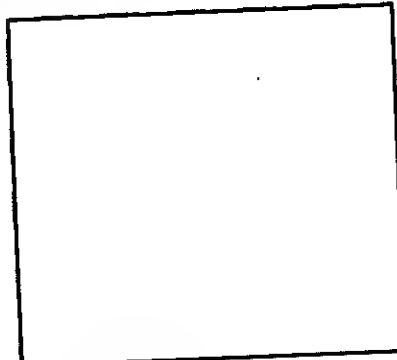
[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] at
the County Attorney's office July 13, 1955. He stated he bought this
literature from an unknown [REDACTED] in 1954.
He stated he was unable to recall anything about [REDACTED]
He stated in the event anyone in the future offers to sell him
obscene matter, he will make a buy and will immediately furnish all
available information to the Sheriff at Bartlesville.

COPY & RETURN TO
FOR L.S. ACTION & INFO.
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Race
Sex
Age
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Residence



ENCL.

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Enclosures to the Bureau: 20-8 page Booklets, obscene

5-32 page Booklets, obscene

CC: Kansas City (2)

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Forwarded herewith are twenty 8 page booklets and five 32 page booklets, furnished by [] from material taken from []. This material should be searched through the Obscene File in an effort to effect an identification. This material may be destroyed upon completion of examination.

Confidential source advises a []

[]
He drives a two tone green 1955 Dodge bearing [] Oklahoma license. []

Source states [] has recently had obscene literature in his possession at Bartlesville and is possibly the individual who has sold this literature at Bartlesville.

Investigation relative to suspect [] is being conducted at [] and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The above is for the information of the Kansas City office.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: Aug. 5, 1955

FROM : The Executives Conference

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8-2-82 BY SPY/CLW/dec

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Rm.	✓

On August 4, 1955, the Conference, consisting of Messrs. Mohr, Tamm, Sizoo, Belmont, Boardman, Rosen, Harbo, Nichols and Parsons, considered the destruction of evidence by the Laboratory

The question arose as a result of inquiry by an investigator of the Kefauver Committee on Juvenile Delinquency as to whether the Bureau could furnish testimony in a possible perjury case on [redacted]

[redacted] In 1953, an obscene film was recovered from [redacted] by the Connecticut State Police. This film was turned over to our New Haven Division by the Connecticut State's Attorney who did not desire its return and advised that it might be destroyed if it was of no value to the Bureau. Laboratory examination of this film disclosed that it was a very common one which had been reproduced to the extent that it was not possible to determine its source. The film was thereafter destroyed.

As a general rule evidence is not destroyed by the Laboratory but is returned to the field after examination. There are two exceptions to this policy, namely, firearms and obscene material. These two types of evidence are disposed of by the Laboratory in view of the obvious need for controlling their disposition and to avoid the embarrassment that would result if evidence of this nature was later again recovered and found to have been at one time in the Bureau's possession. Firearms are disposed of by the Laboratory only after the field obtains (1) a court order or (2) a signed waiver from the owner. Military weapons are returned to the military and non-military weapons are disposed of by turning them over to the Naval Gun Factory for melting up.

Very little obscene material is received directly from local law enforcement agencies and is returned to those agencies if requested. If its return is not desired by the local agency, it will be destroyed upon specific authorization from that agency. obscene material received from Bureau field divisions is returned to the field if needed for prosecution, but after prosecution the field must return the obscene material to the Laboratory for destruction. The obscene material is held in the Laboratory until specific authorization is received from the field that it may be destroyed. In the Laboratory

1- Mr. Harbo
Mr. Sizoo

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Executives Conference Memo to Mr. Tolson 8/5/55
Re: Destruction of Evidence

the obscene material is searched in the reference file and if it is not identified in the file, a specimen adequate for further comparisons is retained in that collection. If it is identified in the file, the Laboratory report will reflect the results of the comparison and examination and is, of course, retained as a permanent record and therefore, the same information is available at any future time even after the material is destroyed. In the absence of specific authorization from the field, the obscene material is retained and a tickler is set up to follow the field until such authority is received.

On the basis of these standards, approximately eight legal-size file cabinet drawers of obscene material are destroyed in a year and to retain all such material would obviously create both a space problem and a problem of protecting this material from getting out of our possession.

In view of the fact that the policy and practice stated above have been followed for more than ten years and there has been no instance in which material has been destroyed and the report would not suffice for any future consideration, the Conference unanimously recommends that the above policy and practice be continued.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: January 13, 1956

FROM :

[Redacted] *AKA*

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SUBJECT: OBSCENE MATERIAL FILE
FILE 80-662

The Physical and Administrative Files relating to obscene material, Bureau File 80-662, have been reviewed. The Physical File occupies nine cabinets in Room 7614 and is subdivided as follows:

- Obscene Motion Picture Film - 756 Reels
- Obscene Phonograph Records - 268
- Obscene Cartoon Booklets - 4423
- Obscene Readers and Pamphlets - 1667
- Obscene Books and Nudist Publications - 386
- Obscene Playing Cards - 115 Decks
- Obscene Photographs Mounted on 1315 Cards
- Miscellaneous Cartoons, Printed Matter and Novelties Mounted on 293 Cards.

The examination of evidence submitted in current cases and the addition of new material to the Obscene File take approximately 50 per cent of an examiner's time. This is a considerable increase over the time necessary for the maintenance of this file in previous years because of the large increase in submissions in this type of evidence.

During 1955, 4609 specimens were searched through the Obscene File as compared to 1859 specimens during 1954. In 1955, 1904 specimens were identified in the Obscene File as compared with 823 specimens in 1954. The identification of printed matter is of particular value to the Field since such an identification indicates a common source. This information is of value in tracing the original source of this type of material and in showing the interstate transportation of such material.

Identifications of photographs and motion picture film are of limited value because of the practice of copying and recopying this type of material. However, during the past year, a large number of photographs have been submitted to the Laboratory, both of the outright obscene type and of the strip-type, containing code numbers which have been useful in indicating a common negative source. An index of these code numbers has been set up to assist in searching this type of photograph.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Obscene File be retained in its present form.

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August 7, 1956

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

RE: [REDACTED]
Investigation of Obscene
Pictures & 1 Glass
Tube Yohimbina

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Gentlemen:

[REDACTED] possession of obscene
literature. [REDACTED] stated he had pur-
chased it in Matamoros, Mexico, but did not know it
was a violation of the law to have it in his possession.

I am submitting to your laboratory 7 booklets of
obscene literature, 2 packets of obscene pictures,
and 1 glass tube "Tabletas de Clorhidrate de Yohimbina".

I would like to know if you could advise if these
booklets and pictures were printed in the United States
or if you have any on file that would indicate the
sources of supply to the dealer in Matamoros, Mexico.
I would also like to know what contents in glass tube
contains.

Please be advised that you keep or dispose of
literature and glass tube container after examination.

These exhibits have not been and will not be sub-
mitted to any other laboratory for examination.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D.J. Parsons

DATE: January 29, 1957

FROM :

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SUBJECT: Obscene Material File

Tolson _____
 Nichols _____
 Boardman _____
 Belmont _____
 Mason _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Nease _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

The Physical and Administrative Files relating to obscene material, Bureau file 80-662, have been reviewed. (The Physical file occupies eleven cabinets in Room 7614) and is subdivided as follows:

- 1) Obscene and Nude Art Motion Picture Film - 828 reels.
- 2) Phonograph Records - 280
- 3) Cartoon booklets - 4736
- 4) Readers and Pamphlets - 1864
- 5) Obscene Books, Nudist Publications, and Questionable Periodicals - 435
- 6) Playing Cards - 123 decks
- 7) Obscene and Strip-type Photographs mounted on 1342 cards.
- 8) Miscellaneous cartoons, printed matter and novelties mounted on 297 cards.

In addition to the evidence files, card index files are maintained consisting of motion picture film titles, phonograph record titles, book titles, photograph code numbers, and an alphabetical index of models who have posed for obscene and strip-type photographs.

At the present time two examiners are assigned to the examination of all obscene cases and, with the assistance of their aides, maintain the file. It is roughly estimated that seventy per cent of one examiner's time is necessary to the maintenance of this file, including examinations.

During 1956, 4077 specimens were searched in the obscene file resulting in 2322 identifications. The identifications in connection with printed matter are of particular value to the field in tracing the source of this material. The identifications of the photographs and motion picture film are of limited value because of the practice of copying and recopying this type of material; it is not possible through a Laboratory examination to identify the source of evidence submitted. Many photographs have been submitted to the Laboratory containing code numbers and as a result a code number index set up as a part of the Obscene File has been of value in attempting to trace the source of this material. *usually*

During the past year it has been necessary to maintain close liaison with the substantive supervisor in Division VI because of the increase in the number of requests for rulings on obscenity in borderline material. This is particularly true with regard to

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Memorandum for Mr. Parsons
Re: Obscene File
80-662

periodicals which have recently appeared at newsstands. Such rulings are made by Division VI or the Department of Justice through Division VI. A project is presently under consideration to set up a separate section of the Obscene File for printed material which has been submitted to the Department of Justice for review in order to facilitate the handling of these requests. No decision has as yet been made as to the physical setup of such a subdivision.

At the present time, space in room 7614 is inadequate for the proper filing of obscene material. Several sections of the Obscene File are in such a crowded condition that expansion is impossible. In order to alleviate this condition additional space is necessary. There is no space in room 7614 for additional file cabinets. It is estimated that two additional four-drawer file cabinets and one supply-type cabinet would allow for sufficient expansion at the present time and would also give additional space for the filing of current evidence and the filing of evidence which must be maintained in the Laboratory until such time as the field advises as to the disposition of this material. Steps are presently being taken to obtain additional space in order that this material may be properly filed.

RECOMMENDATION:

(That the Obscene File be maintained in its present form and that as soon as additional space is available, additional cabinets be obtained in order to properly file this material.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Albuquerque

April 22, 1957

Re: MISCELLANEOUS OBSCENE MATTER
ITOM

John Edgar Hoover, Director

RECEIVED
FBI FILE NO. 60-662
LAB. NO. D-250920 AV

Examination requested by Albuquerque
Reference Letter 4/5/57
Examination requested Document

Specimens:

Q1 Box containing seven clippings from 16 mm obscene movie.

Five obscene cartoon booklets entitled:

- Q2 Phil Fumble
- Q3 Abie the Agent
- Q4 Captain Easy in a Soldier of Fortune
- Q5 Dumb Dora
- Q6 Black cover with illegible title

Results of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q6 were not identified in Obscene File.

Cartoon booklets having the same titles and contents as those listed above as specimens Q2 through Q5 have previously been brought to the attention of the Laboratory. However, the printed material on instant booklets, Q2 through Q5, was not identified as having been prepared on the plates used to prepare the booklets previously received in the Laboratory.

Specimens Q1 through Q6 are being retained in the Laboratory and, unless advised otherwise, will be disposed of in the Laboratory within 60 days.

Inasmuch as the source of instant material, Q1 through Q6, was not determined from the Laboratory examination, a copy of this Laboratory report is not being forwarded to the Albuquerque Department.

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Tolson _____
Nichols _____
Boardman _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Trotter _____
Nease _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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4/13/57 mb

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Not a FOIPA Deletion

Re: MISCELLANEOUS OBSCENE MATTER
ITOM

File # 80-662-278
Lab. # D-250920 AV

SAC Albuquerque
~~Chief of Police~~

~~Albuquerque, New Mexico~~ ~~Atty. Lieutenant Jack Chappel~~
~~Juvenile Division~~

Examination requested by: ~~SACX ALBUQUERQUE X145-01~~

Date of reference communication: Let. 4/5/57

Date received: 4/8/57

Examination requested: Doc.

Examination by: *4/18/57*
CWB

Result of Examination:

1. N.I.Q145-06 obscene file
2. Q2 → Q5 same title & content as per list
not ident as same plates

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Box containing seven clippings from 16 mm obscene movie. - N.I.

Five obscene cartoon booklets entitled:

Q2 Phil Fumble - S.C.O.

Q3 Abie the Agent S.C.O.

Q4 Captain Easy in a Soldier of Fortune S.C.O.

Q5 Dumb Dora - S.C.O.

Q6 Black cover with illegible title - N.I.

Not a FOIPA Deletion

~~2 - FBI, Albuquerque (145-0)~~

*1st report
4/22/57
CWB*

*File
7-1117*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/5/57

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS OBSCENE MATTER
ITOM

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There is being submitted herewith the following described items of obscene matter:

Q1 1. Box containing 7 clippings from 16mm obscene movie.

Q2-Q6 2. Five obscene ^{cartoon} comic booklets ^{attached} entitled:

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These items were furnished by Lt. [redacted] Juvenile Division, Albuquerque Police Department, who advised that the clippings from movie film were from a film which had been shown to a juvenile girl and which may be used as evidence in the event a Contributing to Delinquency charge is pursued. He stated that he believes the film was made in Mexico and that it concerns lesbian relations between what appears to be an Indian girl and an Anglo girl and that acts of bestiality are also depicted as well as sexual acts between the girls and two men.

The five obscene booklets were taken from a juvenile, brought them from another state, but would not tell where he bought or obtained them. Lt. [redacted] has had both items for several weeks, therefore, no investigation is being conducted concerning this material, however, in the event the items are identified, it is requested that a report of the examination be furnished with extra copies to be furnished to the Albuquerque Police Department.

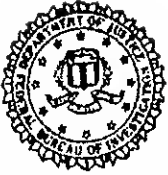
2 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
1 - Albuquerque (145-0)
TJS/jmd
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PERSONAL ATTENTION
SAC LETTER NO. 57-52

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

September 16, 1957 WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

(A) PROTECTION OF DEPARTMENTAL RECORDS -- The Attorney General has issued an order instructing that henceforth no memorandum, letter, document or other record originating within the Department shall be classified, designated, described or otherwise marked with any word or phrase restricting access thereto except in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 10501 or the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. The Attorney General stated that Departmental Order 3464, Supplement Number 4 (Revised), January 13, 1953, adequately protects the integrity of the Department's records. This order is set out in the Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part II, Section 8, Page 17a.

Henceforth no Bureau memorandum, letter, document or other record shall be marked with any restrictive words or phrases such as "Personal and Confidential," "Strictly Confidential," "For Official Use Only" or other similar designations.

The Department has advised that there is no objection to using on envelopes the words "Personal and Confidential" or other similar words or phrases even though they may not be used on the document itself. There is also no objection to using in the documents themselves such words as "personal and confidential." If for any reason it becomes necessary to restrict the circularization or dissemination of a document either to a Bureau employee, to another governmental official or agency or to an outside correspondent, it will be permissible to use a sentence in the communication itself stating that the information is being furnished for the personal and confidential information of the recipient. This procedure should be used discreetly and only where the circumstances justify.

The use of the word "Obscene" on documents and envelopes and the code word "JUNE" should be continued since these words are regarded as descriptive of the material rather than a classification.

The legend to outside agencies appearing on the bottom of FBI report forms will be continued as will the notation appearing on FBI identification records.

The Attorney General's order permits the continued use of the words "Personal" and "Personal Attention" on documents. In many instances the Bureau will use these words on correspondence, particularly to Bureau employees, where heretofore the words "Personal and Confidential" were used.

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The foregoing instructions do not change existing instructions concerning words, designations and phraseology now used on envelopes on intra-Bureau mail for the purpose of controlling the routing, opening or handling of such mail.

It is imperative that all Bureau employees strictly abide by the spirit and intent of the Attorney General's memorandum concerning the protection of Departmental records.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

9/16/57
SAC LETTER NO. 57-52₁

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: February 11, 1958

FROM : *at 10*

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SUBJECT: OBSCENE MATERIAL FILE

Tolson _____
 Nichols _____
 Boardman _____
 Belmont _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Trotter _____
 Nease _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

A review has been made of the Physical and Administrative Files (80-662) pertaining to obscene material.

The Physical File of obscene material, maintained in Room 7614, is subdivided as follows:

- (1) obscene and nude art motion picture films - 874 reels
- (2) phonograph records - 280
- (3) readers and pamphlets - 1965
- (4) cartoon booklets - 4998
- (5) obscene books, nudist publications and questioned periodicals - 483
- (6) playing cards - 137 decks
- (7) obscene and strip-type photographs mounted on 1374 cards
- (8) miscellaneous cartoons, printed matter and novelties mounted on 301 cards
- (9) advertising literature (by companies involved) - 23

The following card index files are maintained as a part of the Obscene File:

- (1) motion picture film titles
- (2) book titles
- (3) photograph code numbers
- (4) phonograph record titles
- (5) names of models who have posed for obscene and/or strip-type photographs

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During the past year numerous items of advertising literature pertaining to pornographic and risque type literature, photographs and motion pictures have come to the attention of the Laboratory. In order to facilitate the search of this type of material, a separate section has been set up in which the submitted literature is filed alphabetically by company or producer names. At the present time this file contains ~~literature~~ of twenty-three companies.

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In the past year, 1957, 2657 specimens were received in the Laboratory for examination and search in the ~~Obscene File~~ resulting in 1155 identifications.

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Memorandum to Mr. Parsons
Re: OBSCENE MATERIAL FILE

The space in Room 7614 is inadequate for the proper storage and examination of the obscene material received in the Laboratory. This problem was considered during the recent inspection of the Laboratory and is presently being given consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Obscene Material File be maintained in its present condition until additional space is available, at which time additional cabinets be obtained to properly file and store the obscene material.

OK
P. J.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/25/58

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (145-0)

275580

SUBJECT:

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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On 3/10/58, Sgt. [redacted] Municipal Court Clerk, Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised that [redacted]

[redacted] He released the photographs to the FBI for whatever disposition deemed advisable.

The 47 photographs are being submitted herewith for inclusion in the obscene matter file or for destruction, whichever is deemed necessary. Since there is no allegation of interstate transportation, no investigation is being conducted by the Albuquerque Division.

Some photos of 1 duplicate of photos submitted to Lab - Source not determined. No Lab report necessary. 51 photos destroyed 4/6/58

- ② - Bureau (Encl. 47 photos under obscene cover) (RM)
1 - Albuquerque (145-0)

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MAR 31 1958

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ENCLOSURE

Original in

EXP. PROC.

COPY FILED IN 143-1472-1

0 03 SCENE MATERIAL
COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

80-662
Obscene material
(use for yellow)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (145-189)

SUBJECT:

DATE: 5/8/58

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ITOM

O OBSCENE MATERIAL

The title of this case has been marked changed to reflect identity of subject. The title was formerly carried as "UNSUBS: (3). [redacted] Rental of Obscene Films, [redacted]"

Being transmitted under separate package for the FBI Laboratory are six 200 foot reels, with cans, of 8 mm obscene film. The film was obtained on April 29, 1958 from Det. Lt. [redacted] and Sgt. [redacted] Orlando, Florida Police Department. Written authorization was obtained from [redacted] for the Bureau to destroy these films when they are no longer needed. The authorization is being retained in the file of the Miami Office. One film is being retained by the Police Department.

On April 1, 1958, Lt. [redacted] advised SA [redacted]

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2 - Bureau
1cc Package
2 - Miami
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no report necessary
Q1 - Q6 Destroyed 5/8/58
Six Reels of film entitled:
1 - Social Call - [redacted]
2 - [redacted] - [redacted]
3 - [redacted] - [redacted]
4 - [redacted] - [redacted]

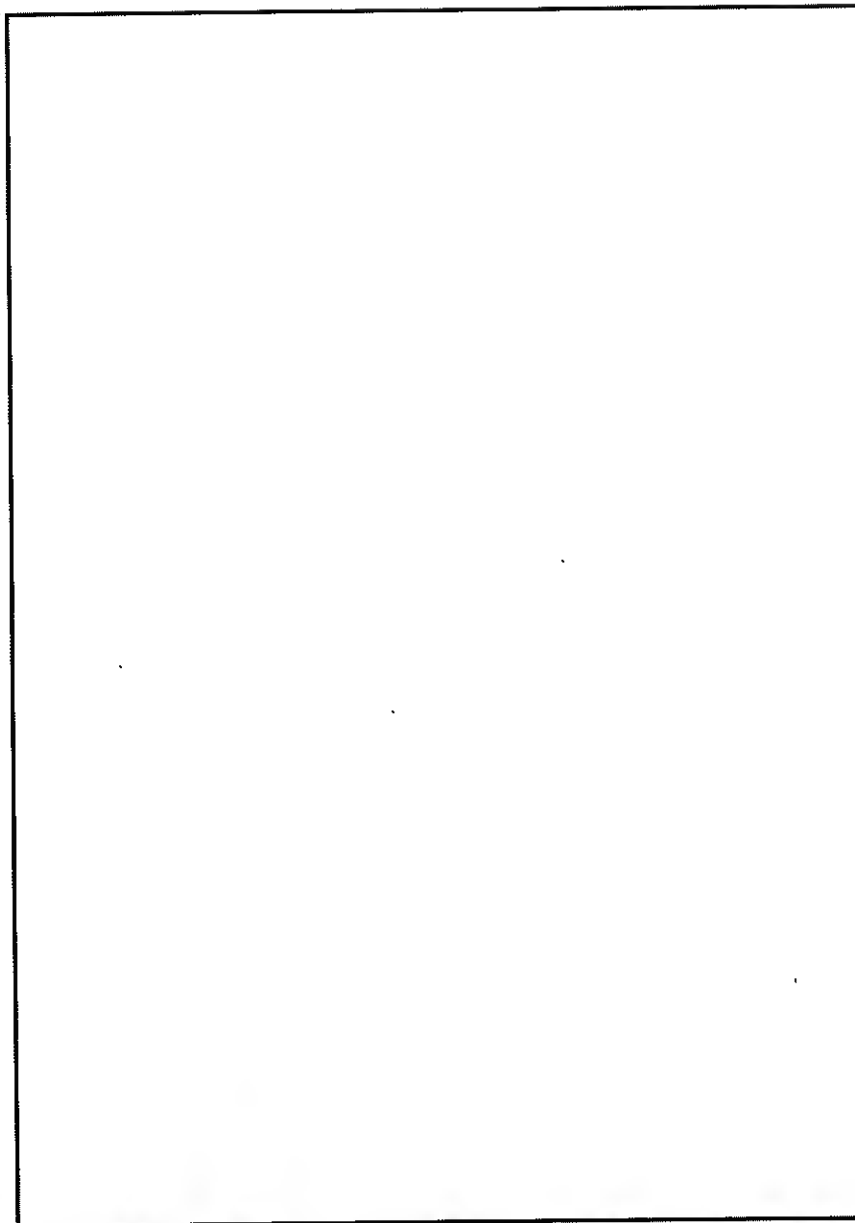
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Int. Q. [redacted] file
no [redacted] obscene film
FBI
JUN 2

5 - strip-type - [redacted] & [redacted] [redacted]
6 - strip-type 4 parts - [redacted]
a - Betty Howard in [redacted] [redacted]
b - [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
c - [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
d - [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

ORIGINAL FILED IN 145-0-780

MM 145-189



Inasmuch as no information was obtained showing interstate transportation of the obscene film, this matter is considered closed in the Miami Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: January 30, 1959

FROM : Griffith

b7C

SUBJECT: OBSCENE MATERIAL FILE

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Belmont _____
 Mohr _____
 Nease _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Trotter _____
 Clayton _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

The Physical and Administrative Files pertaining to obscene material (80-662) have been reviewed for evaluation purposes.

The Physical File of obscene material is subdivided as follows:

- (1) Obscene and nude art motion picture films - 951 reels
- (2) Phonograph records - 282
- (3) Readers and pamphlets - 2113
- (4) Cartoon booklets - 5200
- (5) Obscene books, nudist publications and questioned periodicals - 511
- (6) Playing cards - 155 decks
- (7) Obscene and strip-type photographs mounted on 1404 cards
- (8) Miscellaneous cartoons, printed matter and novelties mounted on 317 cards
- (9) Advertising literature (by companies involved) - 44

The following index files are maintained as a part of the Obscene File:

- (1) Motion picture film titles
- (2) Book titles
- (3) Photograph code numbers
- (4) Photograph record titles
- (5) Names of models who have posed for obscene and/or strip-type photographs
- (6) Advertising literature by company or producer names
- (7) Opinions of the Department of Justice relative to obscenity of evidence

In the past year (1958), 3,684 specimens were received in the Laboratory for examination and comparison with material in the Obscene File, resulting in 1,462 identifications.

A large amount of evidence was received in the past year that required a ruling as to its obscene character by the

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Griffith to Parsons
RE: OBSCENE MATERIAL FILE

Department of Justice. To avoid sending duplicate evidence to the Department, to expedite the report to the contributor and to avoid the expense involved in reviewing Bureau files for previous rulings by the Department, a file containing copies of the letters from the Department of Justice reflecting their rulings relative to the obscenity of the evidence has been made a part of the Obscene File. To facilitate the use of this file, a card index file was set up.

Room 7608 is reserved exclusively for the Obscene File and the storage of all obscene material that is being held for disposition, pending completion of the investigation or court action. The space in room 7608 is adequate for the storage and examination of the obscene material received in the Laboratory. However, there is a shortage of cabinets for proper storage of the evidence that is being held for disposition. Consideration of a request for the construction of the needed shelf-cabinets was deferred by the Administrative Division until after July 1, 1959, due to the shortage of funds.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Obscene File be retained in its present condition and that the shelf-cabinets needed to store the evidence being held for disposition be constructed when funds are available.

C. H. J.

Re: *Obscene matter*

Merchants of Smut **Pornography** **Billion-Dollar Business**

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

File 8



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Nation Awakening to Systematic Corruption of Its Youth

By ALFRED C. ROLLER

Johnny, a 15-year-old honor student, spent long hours cracking the books. It was no surprise to his father to see his son's bedroom light on late into the night.

Recently Johnny's father walked in on him unexpectedly and he got the surprise of his life. Instead of reading his French book, Johnny was looking at photos more pornographic than the most obscene French post-cards.

In a large city jail an innocent-looking crew-cut teen-ager was spending his first night behind bars. The charge: raping a 14-year-old girl. On his person police found a book that gave full details of sex attacks by a gang of hoodlums.

First of five articles on how the nation is beginning to fight against the merchants of smut who are contaminating America's youth.

cent-looking crew-cut teen-ager was spending his first night behind bars. The charge: raping a 14-year-old girl. On his person police found a book that gave full details of sex attacks by a gang of hoodlums.

And in a corner novelty store a group of giggling youngsters, products of a typical middle-class suburban community, was leafing through slick magazines showing bosomy beauties in no

attire. Many of the girls were in suggestive positions.

Victims of Plague

All three capsule situations are true. All of the youngsters are victims of the filth plague that is contaminating the youth of our country.

They have all been caught in the same smut trap. It consists of magazines, books and pictures full of depravity, sadistic crime and undiluted sex.

This smut is being peddled by avaricious, unscrupulous muck merchants who feed our youth obscene material that would turn the stomach of a vice squad detective.

Action Demanded

The smut business has blossomed into a billion-dollar racket so dangerous that FBI director J. Edgar Hoover damns it as "a vicious movement to undermine traditional moral

NEWARK EVENING NEWS:

DATE: *6-1-59*

EDITION: *City Edition*

AUTHOR OF ARTICLE: _____

EDITOR: _____

TITLE: _____

CLASSIFICATION OR CHARACTER

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principals . . . a first step to ward moral degeneration."

Leaders in every walk of life have called for immediate action to halt this flow of filth because the volume that hits today's impressionable teenagers is growing faster than a cancer.

Ten years ago the smut merchants limped along on slinking back-alley sales and under-the-counter dealings. Today they are firmly entrenched in the big cities and are sending their filth into every corner of the country.

An aroused public is demanding action—and is getting it.

New laws have been passed to give the Post Office more power to crack down on the mailers of pornography.

And now, for the first time, a nationwide crusade has been started. Indignant parents and civic leaders, sickened by the filth that has spread into every home, have mobilized into a national Citizens Committee for Decent Literature. Its objective: to topple the smut empire.

Full-Scale Housecleaning

Spirited members of every profession have joined forces and laid the groundwork for a full-scale housecleaning.

The Citizens Committee contends that smut is not just sex but the glorification of crime, and it feels that this sex urge arouses youths to break the law.

Dr. Bernard E. Donovan, assistant superintendent of schools in New York City, who is chairman of the steering committee of the new organization, said:

"If we do not stem this tide of filth we shall be guilty of permitting a condition to exist which endangers the morality of our youth and thereby

weakens the very fiber of our nation."

The peddlers of pornography are a wily lot. Close one door and they sneak back in by another.

Loopholes

Time and time again an offender is caught with material that is obviously pornographic. But a slick defense attorney raises the question of censorship and other legalities, and after a

lengthy court battle, another smut merchant goes free.

Often, when convicted, the offender is given a token sentence that is little more than a joke when stacked against his earnings.

Many salesmen peddle their filth under the guise of art. Their magazines showing indecent poses of nude women are given arty names to imply they are publications for photographers or members of nature's cult.

Then there are those who peddle sordid tomes under the title of educational and scientific books.

One New York dealer was selling, obviously for the sex degenerate, the following: Esoteric

are portfolios (20 poses of nude women) for \$4.50; "Clinical studies" on homosexuality, lesbianism and sexual fetishes ranging from \$2.50 to \$7.50; and "physical health" books showing unclad males.

Only a few pages of medical jargon will often protect the publisher against obscenity.

Tomorrow: How the national crusade aims to stop the flow of smut.

Of Loveand Laughter

By MARJORIE HOLMES

Parents Are Key in Fight Against Pornography Racket

There is a boy, and there is a girl, and they belong to you.

When they were babies you sometimes stood by their cribs moved to an aching wonder at their absolute innocence. And although you knew they would change, become obstinate and naughty and bring you many problems, still you swore to keep them safe.

You nurtured and tended their bodies to make them healthy and strong. You took them faithfully to the doctor for their shots against disease.

And you read to them and played with them and led them by the hand to church and school. And though full of faults, yourself, you set them a good example.

You answered all their questions with the truth.

You punished them for any wrongdoing, but, of course, you were ready to take on any person or anything which meant to harm them.

Well, parents, prepare yourselves. For there are monsters abroad in the land who may truly harm your child.

A little girl of 9 is as likely a victim as a boy 16. All the evil doers know from the mailing lists they are constantly compiling, is that there are children in your house—and children are easy prey.

Even now, on printing presses and in photo labs somewhere they are preparing a poison as deadly as any virus, and as crippling as polio. And their obscenities will be mailed, the United States post office department warns, to between 700,000 and a million children this year alone.

And why? Why, in heaven's name, should anyone wish to undo the work of your very heart? To assault and corrupt and sully and destroy?

Because children's allowances and those dimes and quarters they earn can be channeled by filthy fingers into a half-billion dollars annual business. A business that has DOUBLED in the past five years.

This situation was called to my attention in a letter from Mrs. C. W. Holliday, who is doing what all parents should do—making its eradication a personal crusade. And I have since investigated.

The one hopeful note in the whole grisly picture is that Congress shows deep concern over this problem, and special committees are giving it serious study.

Last August a long-overdue law was passed which permits prosecuting these criminals not only at the point of mailing, but in the community where it is received.

Even so, "Parents are the key to effective action against this racket," says Postmaster General Summerfield. "They should mobilize community support behind adequate law enforcement and rally public opinion behind new and stiffer legislation."

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
DeLoach _____
McGuire _____
Mohr _____
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W.C. Sullivan _____
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Holloman _____
Gandy _____

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Let us not be misled by those misguided souls who scream "censorship," "civil liberties," and "freedom of the press." If it is not a violation of civil liberties to deny the sale of liquor or narcotics to a child, it is not abridging civil liberties to deny the sale of pornography.

Remember this: It is a well established fact that sex criminals feed their own minds on this sort of filth. Even though your children may never be exposed to this material, "They could be victims of those who HAVE been exposed to it."

If and when such an outrage ever comes into your home, do NOT simply burn it. Instead, we are urged to: 1. Save all materials, including the envelope and all enclosures. 2. Turn it immediately over to the local Postmaster, either in person or by mail.

This is no time to be squeamish. A child's very life may be at stake.

Sunday: Twin white jet trails make patterns in the sunset in "Of Love and Laughter" in the Women's Section.

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